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Message Topic: **By faith, Abel...**

Scripture Text: Hebrews 11: 1-4

1. The Lord Jesus asked the question that when he comes again, will He find faith on the earth? (Luke 18:8). It is very important that we have true faith in Jesus Christ and also our faith in Him is strong and growing.
2. In Heb 11:1, we learn that faith in God will give us confidence. The Bible describes for us the great things faith will do in our lives. Faith in God is not a feeling, it is a substance which is a reality. What is unseen is now seen and what we hope for is a 100% truth that will surely come to pass.
3. Heb 11:2 teaches us that faith in God will give us a good report. This is the test that God will check in us. It is not whether we have external blessing or being delivered or not.
4. Heb 11:3 teaches us that faith in God will give us spiritual understanding. We know that it is God who created the world and He did it simply by His word. The world will tell us about evolution theory but we know the truth of creation in our faith in God.
5. Heb 11:4 teaches us that faith in God will give us righteousness. The example of Abel is stated here that by faith, he was approved by God as righteous. When we place our faith in Jesus Christ, as Abel did, God will declare us righteous. This is because of Jesus' death for us and covers us with His righteousness by forgiving all our sins. When we have true faith in God, we will show it with a faithful conduct. Abel did that by offering to God the right sacrifice of animal sacrifice as God wanted.