



FAITH ALIVE

Week 2- Costly Faith

People are kind of like a tube of toothpaste, you find out what is inside them when they get squeezed.



“ *Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.*
Hebrews 11:1 (ESV) ”

“ *For as the body apart from the spirit is dead, so also faith apart from works is dead.*
James 2:26 (ESV) ”

Faith is _____ in God's promises and taking _____, trusting in the _____ of God to accomplish what He has promised.

“ *When you get _____ by life..what comes out?* ”

"By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain, through which he was commended as righteous, God commending him by accepting his gifts. And through his faith, though he died, he still speaks."
Hebrews 11:4 (ESV)

"Now Adam knew Eve his wife, and she conceived and bore Cain, saying, 'I have gotten a man with the help of the Lord.' And again, she bore his brother Abel. Now Abel was a keeper of sheep, and Cain a worker of the ground. In the course of time Cain brought to the Lord an offering of the fruit of the ground, and Abel also brought off the firstborn of his flock and of their fat portions. And the Lord had regard for Abel and his offering, but for Cain and his offering he had no regard. So Cain was very angry, and his face fell. The Lord said to Cain, 'Why are you angry, and why has your face fallen? If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door. Its desire is contrary to you, but you must rule over it.' Cain spoke to Abel his brother. And when they were in the field, Cain rose up against his brother Abel and killed him." Genesis 4:1-8 (ESV)

1. Faith _____ to God.
(Genesis 4:3-4a)

"Oh that there were one among you who would shut the doors, that you might not kindle fire on my altar in vain! I have no pleasure in you, says the Lord of hosts, and I will not accept an offering from your hand."
Malachi 1:10 (ESV)

"So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift."
Matthew 5:23-24 (ESV)

2. Faith is _____ by God.
(Genesis 4:4-5a)

"Cain followed his reason and ignored revelation. He argued that his own good works as manifested by the produce which he had grown would please God rather than a blood sacrifice. Abel accepted revelation instead, and had faith in the divine acceptability of the offering prescribed by God. His own reason may have argued otherwise, but his faith in what God had said, won the day." Kenneth Wuest

3. Faith _____ to _____.
(Hebrews 11:4)

"without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins." **Hebrews 9:22 (ESV)**

"and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel." **Hebrews 12:24 (ESV)**

4. Faith _____ the _____.
(Genesis 4:5b-8)

"We should not be like Cain, who was of the evil one and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? Because his own deeds were evil and his brother's righteous. Do not be surprised, brothers, that the world hates you." 1 John 3:12-13 (ESV)