

Able: A Hero of the Faith

The story is found in Genesis 4:1-8.

Faith Is:

And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him. Hebrews 11:6

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1. Believing when I don't see it.

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Hebrews 11:1

2. Obeying when I don't understand it.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. Hebrews 11:8

3. Giving when I don't have it.

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

...for in a severe test of affliction, their abundance of joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part. For they gave according to their means, as I can testify, and beyond their means, of

their own accord, begging us earnestly for the favor of taking part in the relief of the saints...

2 Corinthians 8:2-4

4. Persisting when I don't feel like it.

By faith he left Egypt, not being afraid of the anger of the king, for he endured as seeing him who is invisible...By faith the people crossed the Red Sea as on dry land, but the Egyptians, when they attempted to do the same, were drowned. Hebrews 11:27, 29

5. Thanking God before I receive it.

By faith the walls of Jericho fell down after they had been encircled for seven days. Hebrews 11:30

Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours. Mark 11:24

6. Trusting God if I don't get it.

And all these, though commended through their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect. Hebrews 11:39-40

Abel's faith was confidently in God because Abel knew that God was and is able.

Prayer: God, I want to be considered a Hero just like Abel and I have faith that you are able to
