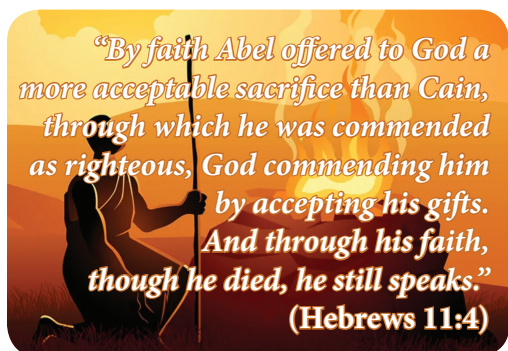


HOW CAN THE DEAD STILL SPEAK?

"BY FAITH ABEL . . . THOUGH HE DIED, HE STILL SPEAKS."
(HEBREWS 11:4)



"How it Ends" is our class on Sunday mornings. We will see today that the end of our lives is not the last word. Our lives have something to say in life and death.

Hearing the Dead Speak Daily

- How we usually think about this concept...
 - _____ people quotes
 - Dead _____ sayings and quotes
- Jesus died but He still speaks
"he who has ears to _____, let him _____"

- God's word for any who will listen has always been spoken to the living with the intention that living should live by it
- Biblical characters like Abel and others in Hebrews 11
- Statements by biblical authors – why important?
 - Who's speaking? Who is being spoken to? Who's being spoken about?

Abel Still Speaks **We don't have any recorded words from Abel!

- He _____ God (Heb. 12:28-29)
- He Believed God (Heb. 11:4, 6)
- He _____ God (1 Jn. 5:3; Jn. 14:15)
- He Came To _____ God (1 Jn. 2:3-4)
- _____ faith (Rom. 10:17; 1 Jn. 3:11-13)
- Faith led him to sacrifice (Gen. 4:4; 2 Sam. 24:24)
- His faith caused him to _____
- His faith still speaks (Revelation 14:13)

Speaking to Us Today

- We must worship God in the way He instructs and accepts (John 4:24)
- Christians are _____ who offer sacrifices to God (1 Peter 2:5; Romans 12:1-2; Heb.13:5)
- It costs something to live by faith
 - Abel paid the price and so must we (1 Peter 2:21-24; 2 Timothy 3:12; Matthew 5:10-12; Revelation 2:10)
- When we trust God and lean on Him above all else it will leave a lasting impression on some (2 Timothy 1:5; Proverbs 3:5-6)

Life lived in faith is one who is daily listening to God's instructions and living in willful submission to Him. The end of my life is not the last word. What will my life say in life and death? What will I say in death?

