

Today's Message Outline: "Lie-la-lie"

"Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ² For by it the people of old received their commendation. ³ By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible. ⁴ 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 11:1-4 (ESV)

"...Now Abel was a keeper of sheep, and Cain a worker of the ground. ³ In the course of time Cain brought to the LORD an offering of the fruit of the ground, ⁴ and Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat portions. And the LORD had regard for Abel and his offering, ⁵ but for Cain and his offering he had no regard. So Cain was very angry, and his face fell." - Genesis 4:2-5 (ESV)

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Small Group or Personal Discussion Questions:

1. Early in the sermon Scott asked a simple question, "Where are you with Jesus?" He listed some options:
 - on a train, headed away from Him.
 - in a state of rebellion, a state of "not now God, I do not have the time."
 - or, in all reality, you simply have not given this a thought in some time.Are you in one of these places? If not, being as honest as possible, where are you?
2. Did you grow up going to church? Was there a time you drifted far from God?
3. Give some thought to this statement; "We do not want God to receive us because of who He is, we want God to receive us because of who we are."
4. The boy in the video said he felt as if God had abandoned him. Have you ever felt that way?
5. What have you done in the last 90 days to intentionally draw closer to God?