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Hebrews 11:1-4 (ESV): “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.”

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Hebrews 10:39 (ESV): “But we are not of those who shrink back and are destroyed, but of those who have faith and preserve their souls.”

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Hebrews 12:1-2 (ESV): “Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, 2 looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith.”

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WE'RE NOT JUST ALIVE,
WE EXIST,
AND WE'RE RESPONSIBLE FOR HOW
WE PERSIST.

*Main
Point*

Acts 17:26-28 (ESV): “He made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, 27 that they should seek God, and perhaps feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us, 28 for ‘In him we live and move and have our being.’”

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James 2:22 (ESV): “You see that faith was active along with his works, and faith was completed by his works.”

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Genesis 4:1-10 (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.’ 2 And again, she bore his brother Abel. 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...”

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“...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. 6 The Lord said to Cain, ‘Why are you angry, and why has your face fallen? 7 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 for you, and you must rule over it.’ 8 Cain spoke to Abel his brother....”

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“...And when they were in the field, Cain rose up against his brother Abel and killed him. 9 Then the Lord said to Cain, ‘Where is Abel your brother?’ He said, ‘I do not know; am I my brother’s keeper?’ 10 And the Lord said, ‘What have you done? The voice of your brother’s blood is crying to me from the ground.’”

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Ephesians 2:8-9 (ESV): “For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, 9 not a result of works, so that no one may boast.”

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John 6:40 (ESV): “For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day.”

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EXIST IN THE
ROUTINE
OF INVESTING IN THE
UNSEEN.

Application

Matthew 6:19-20 (ESV): “Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, 20 but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal.”

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1 Corinthians 13:13 (NLT): “Three things will last forever—faith, hope, and love—and the greatest of these is love.”

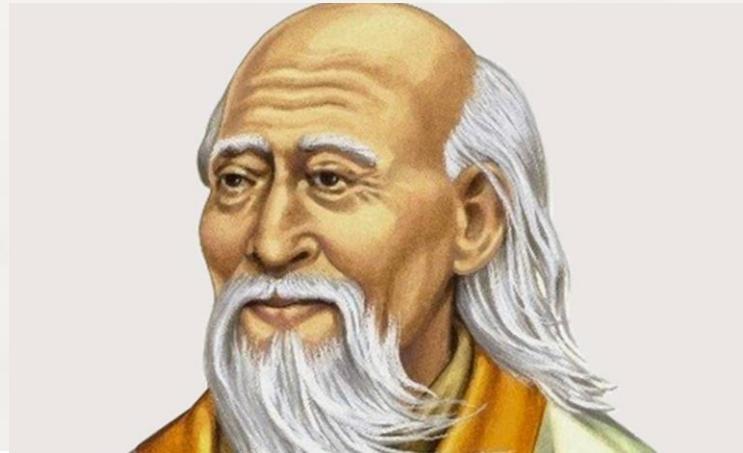
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“Thirty spokes are joined together in a wheel; but it is the hole in the center that allows the wheel to function. We can mold a vessel from a lump of clay; but it is the emptiness inside that makes it useful. We can fashion wood for a house; but it is the inner space that makes it livable. We can work with the tangible, but the intangible is *Ready* what we use.”

(From Lao Tzu's Tao Te Ching,
Chapter 11)



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