1. **Introduction: It’s what we owe each other!**
2. Context:
	1. God “***had regard***” for Abel’s sacrifice but ***“no regard”*** for Cain’s… Only Abel offered by faith. (Hebrews 11:4)
	2. **Abel** mentioned by Jesus in the context of those **sent by Jesus & God**, in the past, present and future as ***“prophets… wise men… and scribes”*** who were **killed and crucified by those who rejected God and His word they spoke**. (Matthew 23:34-35;
	cf., 2 Chronicles 36:15-16; Acts 7:51)
3. **Where Is Your Brother?**
	1. **Again, God knows.**
	2. **Can sin be concealed?** (Numbers 32:23)
	3. **More than where… how is he?**
	4. What condition is he in?
	5. **How is your relationship with him?**
4. **What Do We Owe Each Other?**
	1. **It begins & ends w/ love (agape) for one another.** (Romans 13:7-8)
		1. **“Owe”** - “under obligation (ought, must, should)” (Strong)
		2. What is agape love? How is it demonstrated? Invest/sacrifice our time and our lives in/for each other. (1 John 3:16-18)
		3. **Do so “*fervently*”.** (1 Peter 1:22)
5. **“Am I My Brother’s Keeper?”**
	1. ***“Keeper”*** - “to **hedge about**… i.e., **guard… protect**, **attend to**” (Strong)
	2. **Is it our duty to guard, protect and attend to our brethren?**
	3. **Question born out of selfishness.** (Philippians 2:1-4)
	4. **What do we owe our brothers and sisters in Christ?** (Illus. Nehemiah 6:14; 2 Samuel 10:11-12)
6. **How Are We Our Brother’s Keeper?**
	1. **Begins w/ applying Ephesians 5:15-17**
		1. **Evidence of *“devotion”, “honor”*** &***“preference” of “one another.*** (Romans 12:10)
		2. Develop “*the same mind*” (re: what?) with “***one another***”. (Romans 12:16; 1 Cor. 1:10)
		3. We then **“pursue”** that which makes for **peace**. (Romans 14:19)
	2. ***“Greet one another.”*** (1 Peter 5:14)
	3. ***“Be hospitable to one another… serve one another…”*** (1 Peter 4:8-10;
	Romans 12:13, “**pursuing**”; Galatians 5:13)
	4. **“Have f*ellowship with one another*”.** (1 John 1:7) **(i.e.,** Partnership, sharing, joint participation) (Gal. 6:6-10; Romans 12:13)
	5. **Don’t complain against one another but live in peace.** (James 5:9; 1 Thess. 5:13)
	6. **Bearing with and forgiving one another**. (Colossians 3:12-14)
	7. **Encourage & stimulate/provoke one another.** (Hebrews 3:13; 10:24-25; Romans 15:14)
	8. **We owe our lives to one another as we consider what Jesus did for us.**(1 Corinthians 12:25; 1 Thessalonians 2:8; 2 Corinthians 12:15)
	9. **All because of our obedience to the gospel** (1 Peter 1:21-25)…
	10. Have you been obedient to the enduring ***“word of God”*** which we still preach today?