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All Scripture is from the King James Version. The words of Jesus are printed in red.

This book holds one saga by itself, with the same words shared on its morning.

THE KEY VERSE

"And Abel, he also brought of the firstlings of his flock and of the fat thereof. And the LORD had respect unto Abel and to his offering: But unto Cain and to his offering he had not respect." — GENESIS 4:4-5

THE SAGA — CAIN AND ABEL (GENESIS 4)

The first worship in the Bible is two brothers bringing offerings. Abel brought the firstlings of his flock; Cain brought the fruit of the ground. Both men came. Both men offered. But the Lord received one and not the other:

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God did not turn Cain away without a word. He came to him with a door still open: "If thou

doest well, shalt thou not be accepted? and if thou doest not well, sin lieth at the door." — GENESIS 4:7. Cain would not turn his heart, and his worship story ended in his brother's blood. Now watch what this saga teaches: the difference between the two brothers was not the size of the offering. It was the heart behind it.

JESUS IN THIS SAGA

Abel's blood cried out from the ground. But there is a better blood. Abel brought a lamb; Jesus IS the Lamb. What Abel's offering pointed to, Jesus finished at the cross:

> "And to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling, that speaketh better things than that of Abel." — HEBREWS 12:24

THE HOLY SPIRIT IN THIS SAGA

The difference between the brothers was the heart — and the heart is where the Holy Spirit works. He does not live in a building made by hands. He lives in God's people:

> "Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?" — 1 CORINTHIANS 3:16

CARRY THIS WITH YOU TODAY

What does worship on Monday look like — at work, at home, in how you treat people?

— From "Worshiping the Father in Spirit and in Truth," a 10-day devotional by Terrell Powell, Open Collaboration

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Describe your worship honestly, as it is today. Where is your heart turning — toward God, or somewhere else?



ABOUT THIS SAGA

Two brothers came to worship God. Both of them brought an offering. God received one brother and not the other. The difference was not the size of the gift. The difference was the heart.

This is the second saga. It asks a plain question: what does your worship look like on a Monday?

This book is Saga 2 of 10 from "Worshiping the Father in Spirit and in Truth." Each saga also has its own book, and all ten sagas stand together in the full book.

"If thou doest well, shalt thou not be accepted?"

— GENESIS 4:7 (KJV)

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