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Worship —



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passion

- * ANY POWERFUL OR COMPELLING EMOTION OR FEELING.
- * AN INSTANCE OR EXPERIENCE OF STRONG LOVE OR SEXUAL DESIRE.
- * A STRONG OR EXTRAVAGANT FONDNESS, ENTHUSIASM, OR DESIRE FOR ANYTHING.

Building Blocks OF A RELATIONSHIP AND WORSHIP

- * INTIMACY – FEELINGS OF WARMTH, UNDERSTANDING, SUPPORT
- * COMMITMENT – DECISIONS THAT SHOW STAYING POWER
- * PASSION – DESIRE, FONDNESS, AND EMOTIONAL CONNECTION



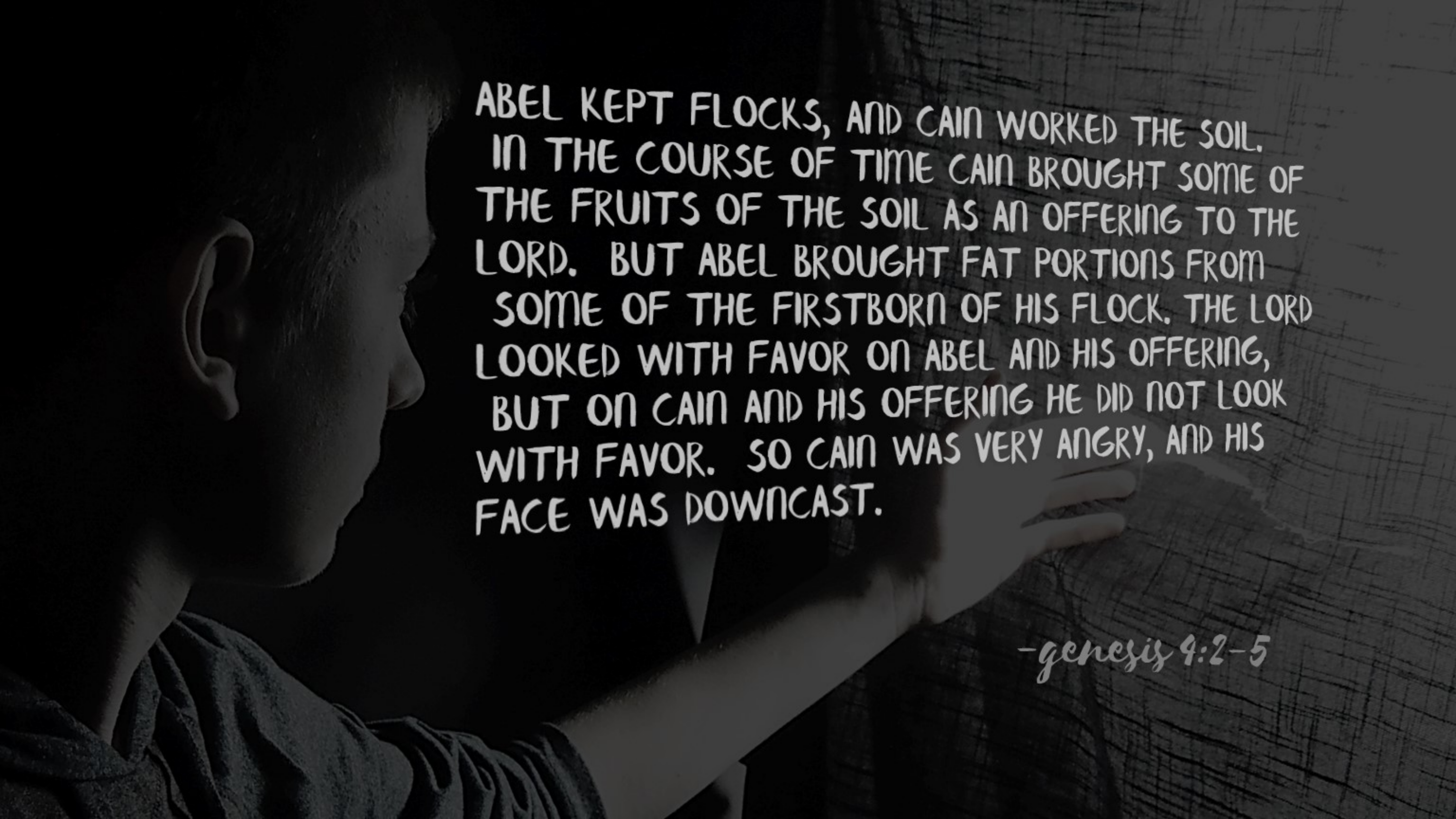


A dramatic seascape featuring a massive, powerful wave crashing over dark, jagged rocks. The sky is a vibrant golden-yellow, suggesting a sunset or sunrise, with the light reflecting off the water and the spray of the wave. The overall mood is one of intense energy and natural power.

OUTWARD *ACTION* STEMS
FROM AN INWARD STATE.

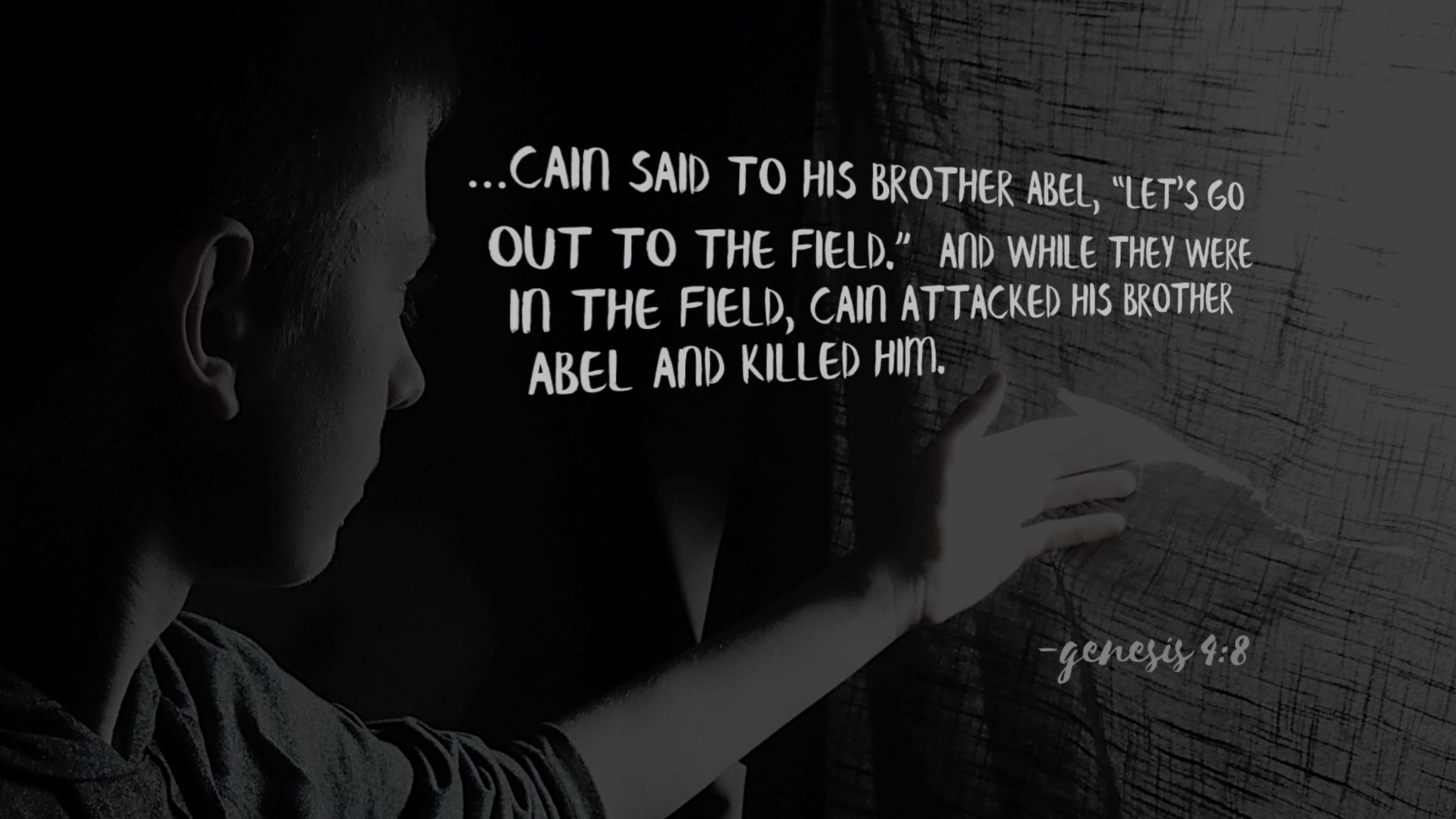
the Heart

- * FEELINGS, EMOTIONS, DESIRES AND PASSIONS.
- * UNDERSTANDING, SOURCE OF THOUGHT AND REFLECTION.
- * SEAT OF THE WILL AND SOURCE OF RESOLVE.



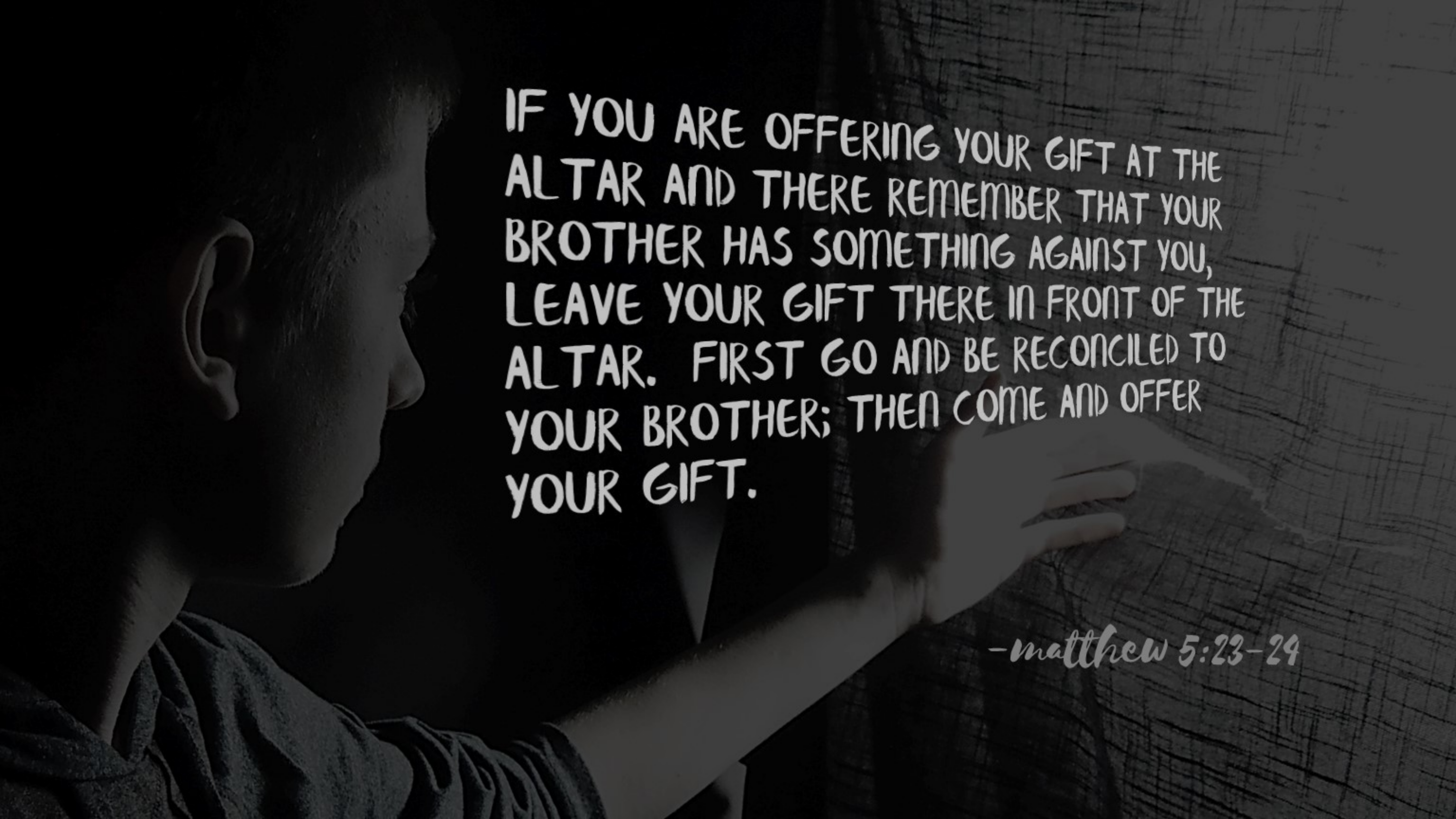
ABEL KEPT FLOCKS, AND CAIN WORKED THE SOIL.
IN THE COURSE OF TIME CAIN BROUGHT SOME OF
THE FRUITS OF THE SOIL AS AN OFFERING TO THE
LORD. BUT ABEL BROUGHT FAT PORTIONS FROM
SOME OF THE FIRSTBORN OF HIS FLOCK. THE LORD
LOOKED WITH FAVOR ON ABEL AND HIS OFFERING,
BUT ON CAIN AND HIS OFFERING HE DID NOT LOOK
WITH FAVOR. SO CAIN WAS VERY ANGRY, AND HIS
FACE WAS DOWNCAST.

-genesis 4:2-5

A man is shown in profile on the left side of the frame, looking towards the right. He is wearing a dark t-shirt. His right hand is raised, with fingers spread, touching a wall that has a faint grid or plaid pattern. The lighting is dim, creating a somber atmosphere.

...CAIN SAID TO HIS BROTHER ABEL, "LET'S GO
OUT TO THE FIELD." AND WHILE THEY WERE
IN THE FIELD, CAIN ATTACKED HIS BROTHER
ABEL AND KILLED HIM.

-genesis 4:8



IF YOU ARE OFFERING YOUR GIFT AT THE
ALTAR AND THERE REMEMBER THAT YOUR
BROTHER HAS SOMETHING AGAINST YOU,
LEAVE YOUR GIFT THERE IN FRONT OF THE
ALTAR. FIRST GO AND BE RECONCILED TO
YOUR BROTHER; THEN COME AND OFFER
YOUR GIFT.

-matthew 5:23-24

THESE PEOPLE HONOR ME WITH
THEIR LIPS, BUT THEIR *hearts*
ARE FAR FROM ME.
THEY WORSHIP ME IN VAIN . . .

-matthew 15:8-9

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✱ **START ON THE INSIDE AND WORK OUT.**

The Lord does not look at the things that man looks at.
Man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord
looks at the heart. *–I Samuel 16:7*

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* HUMILITY AND HONESTY CREATE ACCEPTANCE.

O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise. You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would bring it; you do not take pleasure in burnt offerings. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise. —*Psalm 51:15-17*

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✱ SELF-UNDERSTANDING ACTIVATES A GRATEFUL HEART.

Search me O God, and know my heart...
—Psalm 139:23

my son
pay attention
to what i say


LISTEN CLOSELY
to my words

DO NOT LET THEM OUT OF YOUR SIGHT,
KEEP THEM WITHIN YOUR HEART;
FOR THEY ARE LIFE TO THOSE WHO FIND THEM
AND HEALTH TO A MAN'S WHOLE BODY.

above all else, guard your heart
for it is the wellspring of life.







THE SCRIPTURES
PLACE PASSION
AT THE EPICENTER
OF HUMAN ACTION.

THIS IS TRUE
IN BOTH THE ARENA OF
SIN AND THE ARENA
OF HOLINESS.

RATHER THAN ELIMINATE
OUR PASSIONS, GOD INTENDS
TO OVERWHELM THEM
WITH NEW PASSIONS.

-Erwin McManis

