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ORIGINS: Unearthing Our Spiritual Roots

Raising “Cain” Because You’re Not “Abel”

Genesis 4:1-9

Sibling rivalry; seems like every family experiences it – Why? Well we don’t have to travel very far into human history to find this difficulty rearing it’s ugly head in the very first family. A world cursed and influenced by sin is going to have it’s share of relational difficulties and families will be no exception.

The good news is that we don’t have to live a life controlled by sin. We have a choice. We can choose the high road instead of the low road. Unfortunately for Able, Cain chose to let his jealousy and anger get the best of him and it expressed itself in the very first loss of life. And even more unfortunately, this cycle has continued to repeat itself over and over in every generation since. Fortunately, those who take heed of their heavenly Father’s admonition can break the chain, avoid these relational pitfalls and enjoy more harmonious relationships both inside and outside of their biological family.

>A family crisis unfolds!

- Same parents, _____
_____. Vs. 2
- First mention of _____ in the Bible. Vs. 5
- God says Cain is responsible for his _____
and _____. Vs. 6,7
- Sin is a _____. Vs. 7
- It is the _____ that counts. Vs. 8
- No one wants to be _____. Vs.9

>The Double-edged Sword of Relationships: _____ &

- We compare looking for _____ &
_____.
- We compete looking for _____ &
_____.

>Relational Revelations!

- God made me to be me and _____.
- There is not a _____ supply of love
to go around. The supply is _____.

What will you do with what God has given you?