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For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through the endurance taught in the Scriptures and the encouragement they provide we might have hope. **Romans 15:4 (NIV)**

Adam made love to his wife Eve, and she became pregnant and gave birth to Cain. She said, “With the help of the Lord I have brought forth a man.”² Later she gave birth to his brother Abel. Now Abel kept flocks, and Cain worked the soil.³ In the course of time Cain brought some of the fruits of the soil as an offering to the Lord.⁴ And Abel also brought an offering—fat portions from some of the firstborn of his flock. The Lord looked with favor on Abel and his offering,⁵ but on Cain and his offering he did not look with favor. So Cain was very angry, and his face was downcast.⁶ Then the Lord said to Cain, “Why are you angry? Why is your face downcast?⁷ If you do what is right, will you not be accepted? But if you do not do what is right, sin is crouching at your door; it desires to have you, but you must rule over it.”⁸ Now Cain said to his brother Abel, “Let’s go out to the field.” While they were in the field, Cain attacked his brother Abel and killed him.⁹ Then the Lord said to Cain, “Where is your brother Abel?” “I don’t know,” he replied. “Am I my brother’s keeper?”¹⁰ The Lord said, “What have you done? Listen! Your brother’s blood cries out to me from the ground.¹¹ Now you are under a curse and driven from the ground, which opened its mouth to receive your brother’s blood from your hand. **Genesis 4:1-8 (NIV)**

By faith Abel brought God a better offering than Cain did. By faith he was commended as righteous, when God spoke well of his offerings. And by faith Abel still speaks, even though he is dead. **Hebrews 11:4 (NIV)**

IF I LISTEN TO THE ECHO OF ABEL, I WILL KNOW THAT...

1. My _____ Does Not _____ My Faith.

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“Brothers and fathers, listen now to my defense.”² When they heard him speak to them in Aramaic, they became very quiet. Then Paul said:³ “I am a Jew, born in Tarsus of Cilicia, but brought up in this city. I studied under Gamaliel and was thoroughly trained in the law of our ancestors. I was just as zealous for God as any of you are today.⁴ I persecuted the followers of this Way to their death, arresting both men and women and throwing them into prison,⁵ as the high priest and all the Council can themselves testify. I even obtained letters from them to their associates in Damascus, and went there to bring these people as prisoners to Jerusalem to be punished. **Acts 22:1-5 (NIV)**

Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the worst.¹⁶ But for that very reason I was shown mercy so that

in me, the worst of sinners, Christ Jesus might display his immense patience as an example for those who would believe in him and receive eternal life. **1 Timothy 1:15-16 (NIV)**

2. Not All _____ I Can Offer Are _____ To God.

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Three Components Of An Acceptable Offering To God:

- The _____ of my offering: _____ or _____?

- The _____ of my offering: _____ or the _____?

- The _____ for my offering: _____ or _____?

“Will a mere mortal rob God? Yet you rob me. But you ask, ‘How are we robbing you?’ ‘In tithes and offerings. You are under a curse—your whole nation—because you are robbing me. Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this,’ says the Lord Almighty, ‘and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it.’” **Malachi 3:8-10 (NIV)**

3. My _____ Is _____ When I’m Truly Faithful.

Do not be like Cain, who belonged to the evil one and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? Because his own actions were evil and his brother’s were righteous. **1 John 3:12 (NIV)**

Indeed, all who delight in pursuing righteousness and are determined to live godly lives in Christ Jesus will be hunted and persecuted [because of their faith]. **2 Timothy 3:12 (AMP)**

Remember what I told you: ‘A servant is not greater than his master.’ If they persecuted me, they will persecute you also. If they obeyed my teaching, they will obey yours also. **John 15:20 (NIV)**

4. Jesus’ Blood _____ A Better _____ To Me.

You have come to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant between God and humanity, and to His sprinkled blood, which speaks a greater word than the blood of Abel crying out from the earth. **Hebrews 12:24 (VOICE)**

The Lord said, “What have you done? Listen! Your brother’s blood cries out to me from the ground.¹¹ Now you are under a curse and driven from the ground, which opened its mouth to receive your brother’s blood from your hand. **Genesis 4:10-11 (NIV)**

While they were eating, Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take and eat; this is my body.”²⁷ Then he took a cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you.²⁸ This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. **Matthew 26:26-28 (NIV)**

For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes. **1 Corinthians 11:26 (NIV)**

5. Repentance Is My _____ & My Path To _____ Faith.

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“The time has come at last—the kingdom of God has arrived. You must change your hearts and minds and believe the good news.” **Mark 1:15 (Phillips)**