

## When You've Been Wronged.

### *Chapter 2: When You Encounter a Destroyer.*

Genesis 4: 1-16. "Cain means to acquire or get".

"Rage often begins in a family because of favoritism".

"Eve had no idea her son would grow up to be a murderer".

### Characteristics of a Destroyer

1. He refuses council.....vs. 6-8. "Sin is like an animal lying at the door (Better term...Sin is like a demon couching at the door).

- What set Cain off?
- Did Abel make him look bad?

God councils Cain, he leaves that session, finds Abel, and kills him.

Life Lesson.....If a person's heart isn't right, it doesn't matter how much truth you give them.

Keep in mind Cain and Abel had these things in common;

- Same Parents.
- Good or Respectable Occupations.
- Both gave offerings.
- Both made sacrifices.

So, you can understand why Cain might say, I'm as good as my brother!  
So why is God rejecting me?

2. He refuses to accept responsibility for his sin.....

- He Lies.....God ask, where is your brother?
- Am I my brother's keeper? Yes, you are.
- His sin cannot be hidden. God ask, what have you done?  
You brother's blood cries out to me.
- He never owns up to his stuff (sin).

3. A Destroyer is self-absorbed.....

- He feels sorry for himself.
- No remorse for his brother.

Cain never apologizes or repents. He never thinks about the pain caused to his father or mother. All he can see is his pain. "They will try and kill me."

4. A destroyer feels that what he has done to other people, "They had coming!"

Life Lesson.....Either we will master sin, or sin will master us.

Why did Cain kill his brother?

Is the devil involved in rage and offences?

We must be reconciled by the blood that forgives us. Hebrew: 12:24.

Abel's blood spoke of judgement. Christ blood speaks of forgiveness. Jesus said in Matthew 6:15, "But if you do not forgive others their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins." NIV

When we are forgiven by Christ, our natural reaction should be to forgive others. However, we do not earn salvation through forgiving, but those who have been forgiven, "Forgive!"

If you hold back forgiveness, you are not like God or Christ Like (Philippians 2:5-11).

If you are holding an offence, you must "lay it down".

Have you ever met someone who can tell you their "Wound-ology?"

No matter how you sympathize and pray with them, they know the entire history of their offence. No matter how long ago it occurred. But they have determined they will not move past their hurt. Because that has become their identity! That's who they are!

They are afraid if they were to "lay it down", they would be giving up who they are and that it would trivialize the horror of what happened to them.

**In the end, the Bitterness and Anger must be laid down.**

Like a pitcher of water, lift it up, take one last look at it. And pour it out under the Cross of Christ. At the feet of Jesus, where the blood that speaks out is better than the blood of Abel.

May God Bless You, And Give You Peace.

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