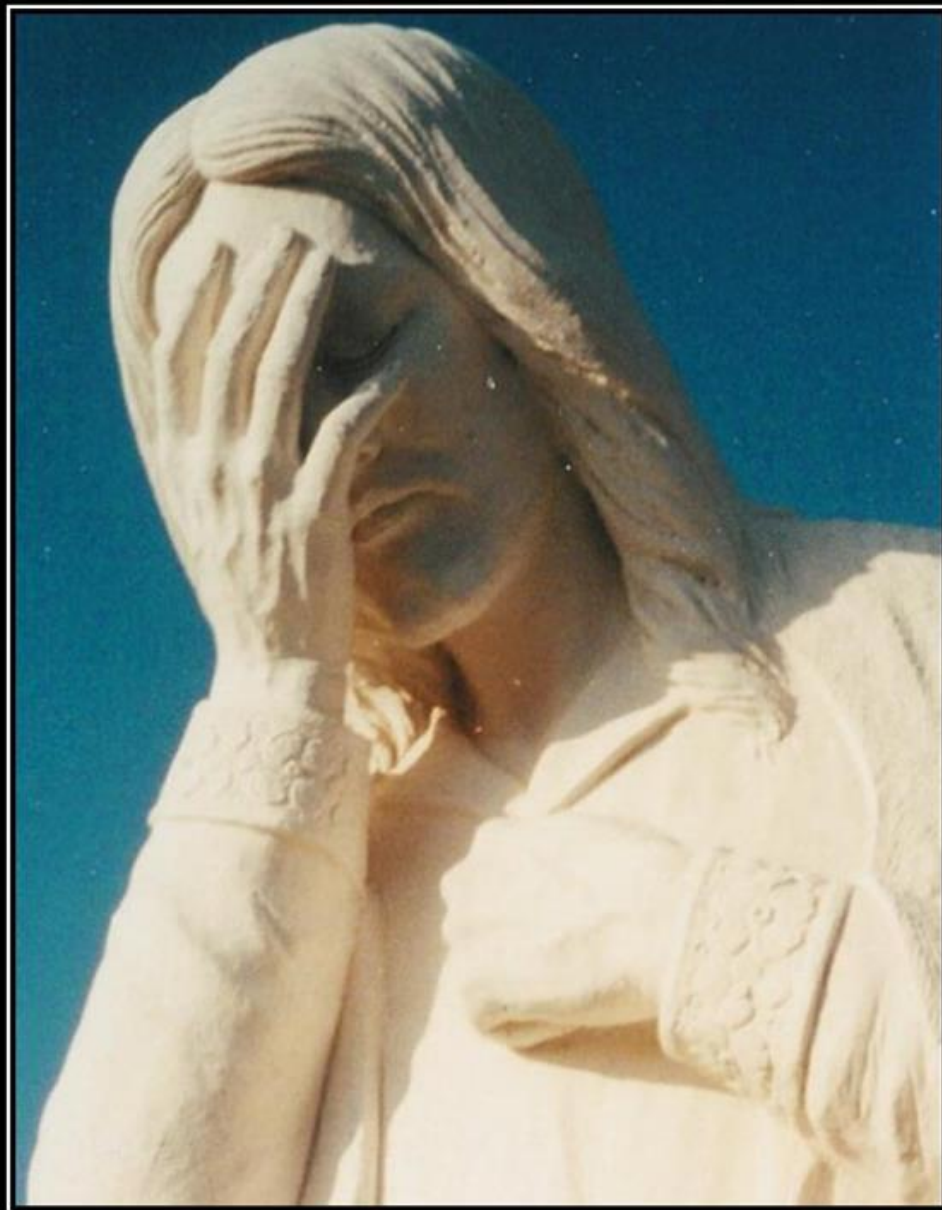


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LESSONS LEARNED FROM THE MISTAKES OF BIBLE CHARACTERS

**The Epic Fail of Cain
Genesis 4:8-16
Rev. David Turner**



FAITHPALM

For epic fail of Biblical proportions



“Why are you angry, and why has your countenance fallen? ⁷If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin is lurking at the door; its desire is for you, but you must master it.”

Genesis 4:8-16:

Cain said to his brother Abel, 'Let us go out to the field.' And when they were in the field, Cain rose up against his brother Abel and killed him.⁹ Then the Lord said to Cain, 'Where is your brother Abel?' He said, 'I do not know; am I my brother's keeper?'

¹⁰ And the Lord said, 'What have you done? Listen; your brother's blood is crying out to me from the ground! ¹¹ And now you are cursed from the ground, which has opened

its mouth to receive your brother's blood from your hand. ¹²When you till the ground, it will no longer yield to you its strength; you will be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth.' ¹³Cain said to the Lord, 'My punishment is greater than I can bear! ¹⁴Today you have driven me away from the soil, and I shall be hidden from your face; I shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth, and anyone who meets me may kill me.'¹⁵Then the Lord said

to him, 'Not so! Whoever kills Cain will suffer a sevenfold vengeance.' And the Lord put a mark on Cain, so that no one who came upon him would kill him. ¹⁶Then Cain went away from the presence of the Lord, and settled in the land of Nod, east of Eden.



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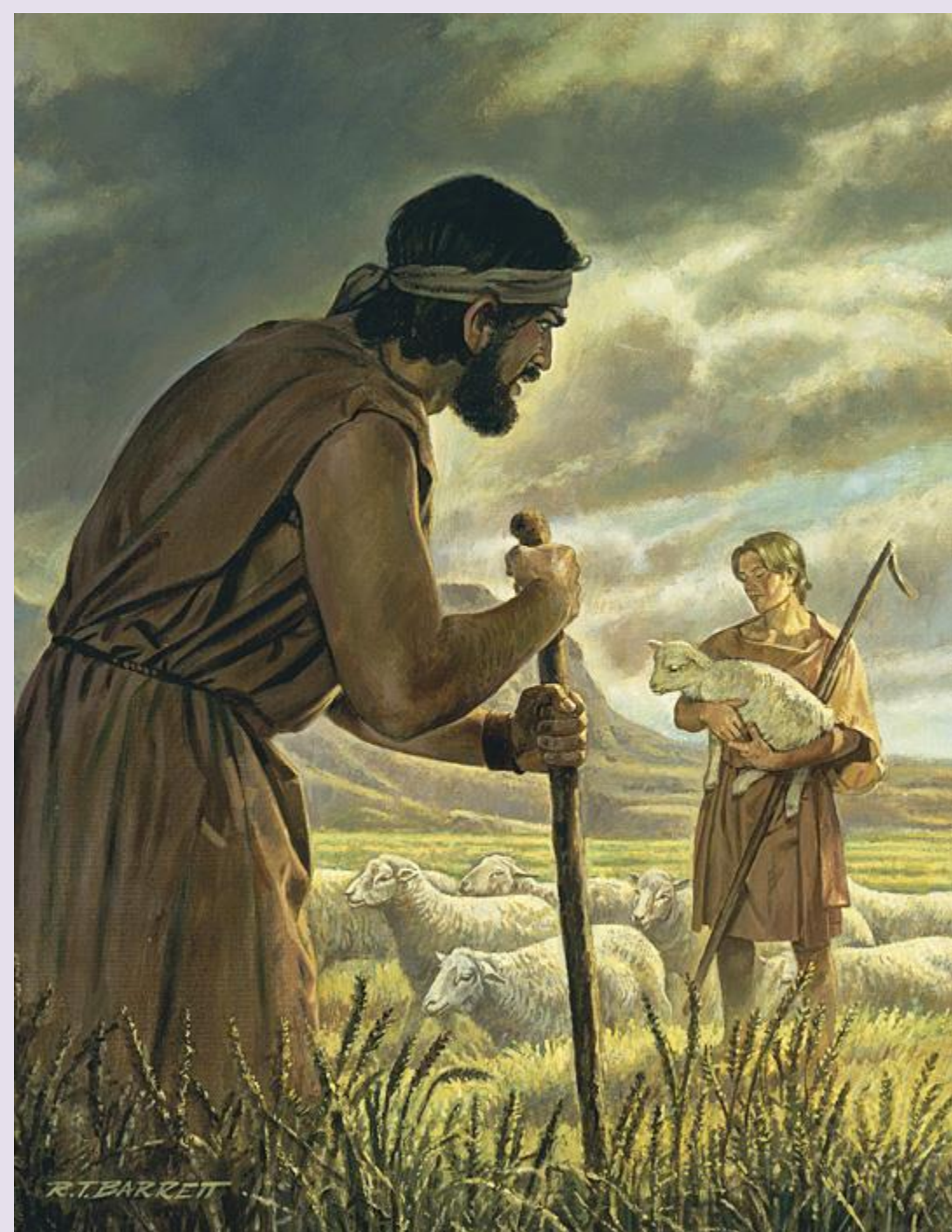
Our
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“Be angry but do not sin.”

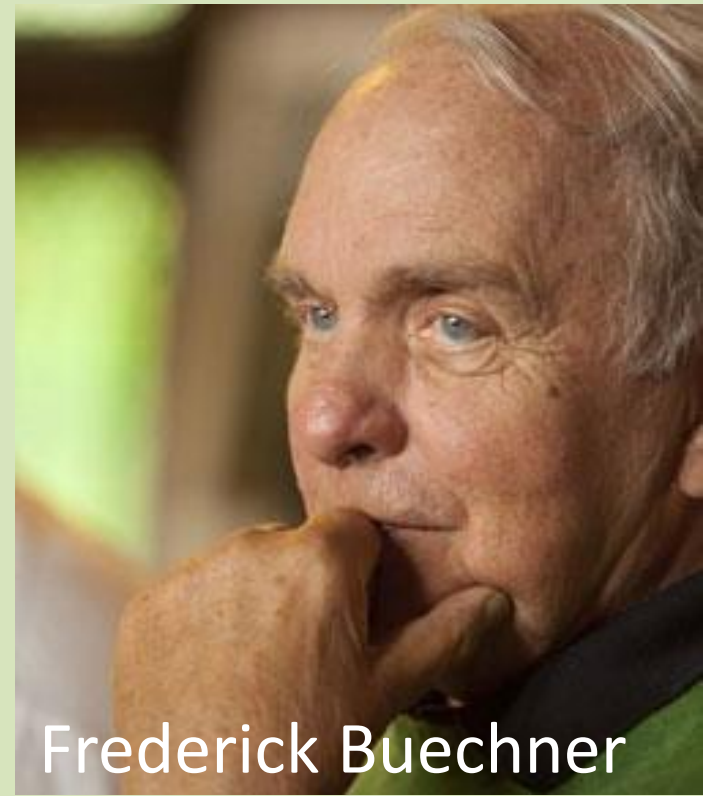
Ephesians 4:26





“Watch out! Sin is lurking at the door; its desire is for you, but you must master it.”

“Of the 7 deadly sins, anger is possibly the most fun. To lick your wounds, to smack your lips over grievances long past, to roll over your tongue the prospect of bitter confrontations still to come, to savor to the last toothsome morsel both the pain you are given and the pain you are giving back --in many ways it is a feast fit for a king. The chief drawback is that what you are wolfing down is yourself. The skeleton at the feast is you.”



Frederick Buechner



“All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh... and we were by nature *children of wrath*. ⁴But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us ⁵even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ.”

EPHESIANS

2:3-4



in Christ...

we are a

New Creation

**Jesus is our greatest example when
it comes to how to do this**



“Meep meep.”

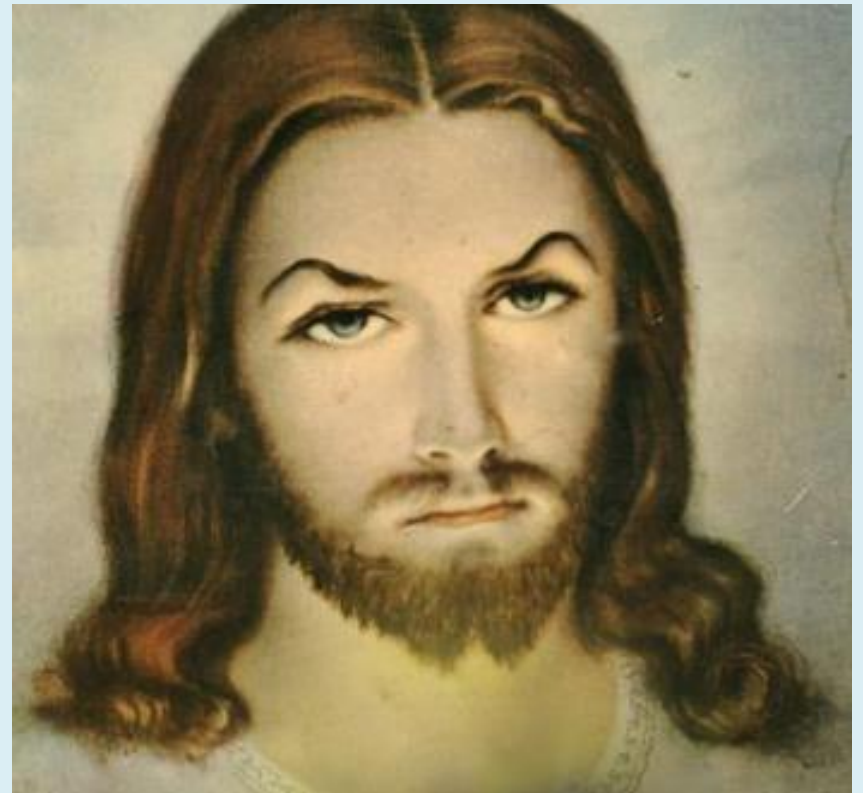
If anyone ever asks you, "What Would Jesus Do?"



Remind them that flipping over tables and chasing people with a whip is within the realm of possibilities.

Things that angered Jesus:

- self-righteousness
- hypocrisy
- injustice



WE ARE ALL
FAILURES...
AT LEAST THE
BEST OF US ARE.

- J.M. Barrie



What we need to avoid most aren't the kinds of things that will embarrass us in front of our friends, but disappoint our savior.

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