



## LESSON 2:

# BROTHERLY LOVE?



### **Monday, June 20 Read Psalm 146**

According to the psalmist, why should we trust in God and not in earthly things or leaders? \_\_\_\_\_

What are some concrete ways to grow in our trust and devotion? \_\_\_\_\_

What are your goals and plans in this regard? \_\_\_\_\_

### **Tuesday, June 21 Read Malachi 1:6-12**

Like the ancient Israelites to whom Malachi speaks, we are often guilty of giving God minimal effort and paltry dedication...levels of mediocre service we would find insulting if offered to us. What are some of the ways all of us can improve our dedication to God?

#### **Sermon Notes** **"Brotherly Love"**

**June 19, 2022**

**Genesis 4:2b-16**

**1. God expects the best we have, regardless of what we think others are doing.**

**2. Jealousy and anger will control us if we don't control them.**

Why are we often so reluctant to do this?

### **Wednesday, June 22 Read Genesis 4:2-16**

It's hard to see why God rejected Cain's offering but the clue may be in Cain's bringing of *an* offering and Abel's offering of his *firstlings*. Tradition holds that Abel gave his best while Cain gave what he could spare. Either way, why did Cain take out his anger on his brother? \_\_\_\_\_

What does this tell us about our refusal to take responsibility for ourselves?



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## **Thursday, June 23 Read Mark 10:17-27**

Note that the man's confidence is rooted in his own ability to keep the commandments and 'be good,' rather than in faith in God. If Jesus is not calling everyone to give up all possessions what is his point in telling the man to do it? \_\_\_\_\_

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What would He say you need to remove in order to increase your trust in God? \_\_\_\_\_

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## **Friday, June 24 Read Hebrews 11:1-16**

Based on this explanation from Hebrews, what is your own definition of faith? \_\_\_\_\_

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List some of the ways your own life bears tangible witness to your faith and trust in God. \_\_\_\_\_

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Where and how might that be strengthened? \_\_\_\_\_

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Discuss this with God in prayer today and listen closely for His answer.

## **Saturday, June 25 Read James 3:4-14**

Our lives have impact on others, whether we intend to or not. Our words and our actions have consequences, often far beyond what we can immediately see. Only by keeping ourselves humble, in tune with God and seeking to be aligned with His Will can we avoid negative or hurtful results. Where do you find what you want struggling with what God wants? \_\_\_\_\_

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