



Steps *in* Stewardship

Acceptable Givers

Steps:

Faith



Can we give to God in ways that
aren't acceptable?



I. Giving comes from Faith



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Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. For by it the people of old received their **commendation.**

Hebrews 11:1-2

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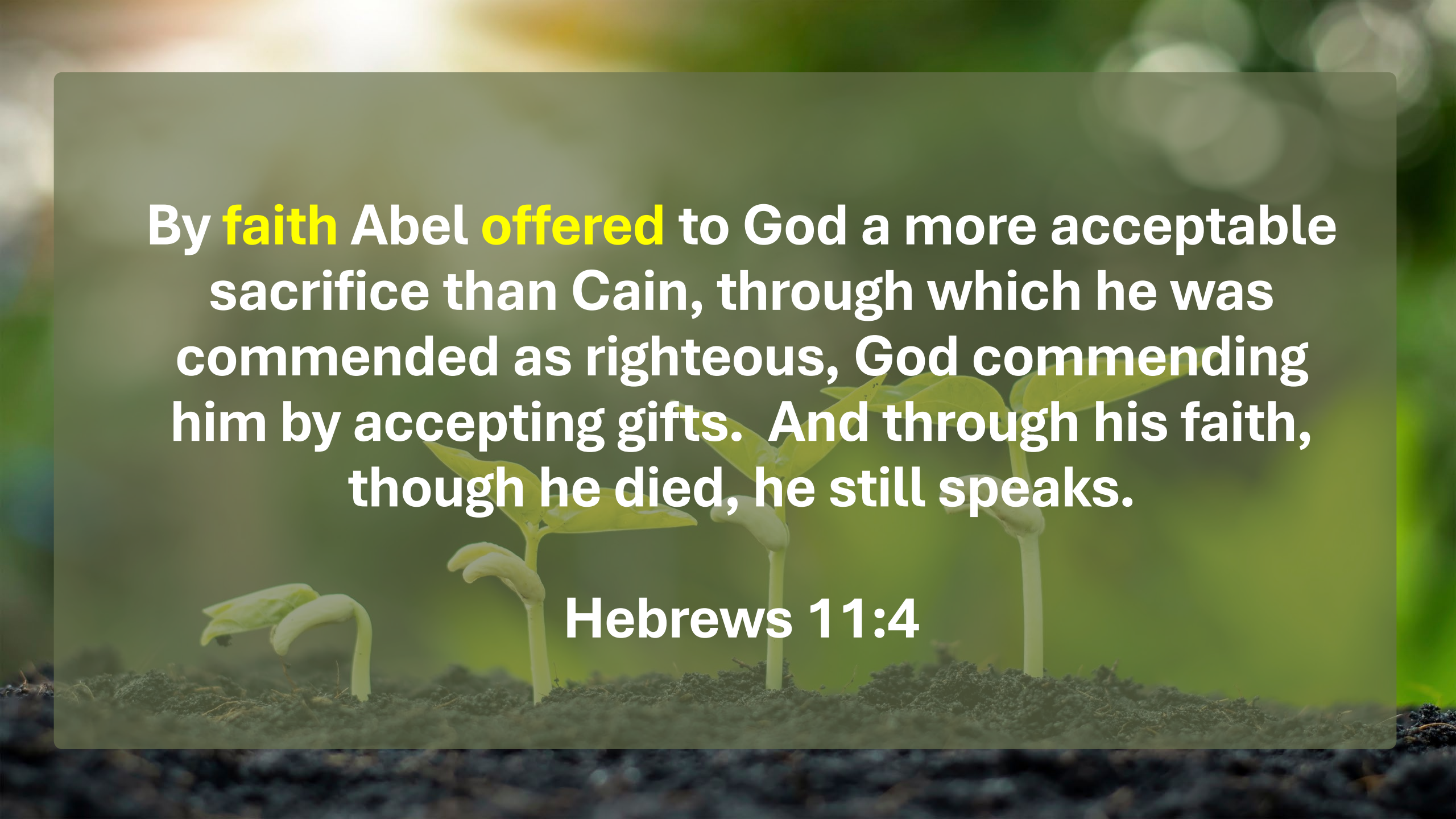
Martereo—commend = to give credible,
authoritative testimony

Hall of Faith—Hebrews Chapter 11

- A_____
- Enoch
- Noah
- **Abraham**
- Sara
- Isaac
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Abel—1st to bring an offering to God

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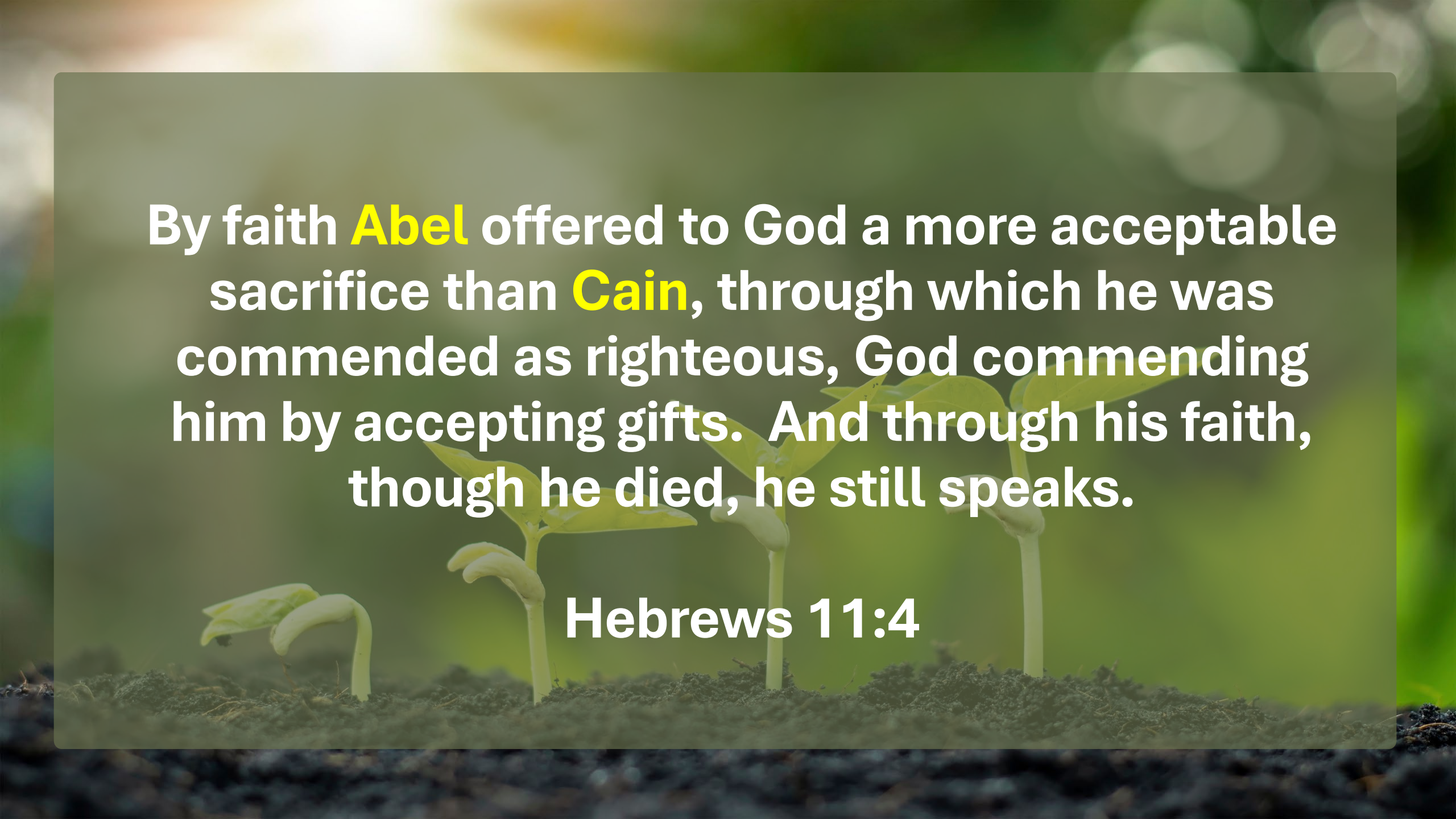
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Hebrews 11:4

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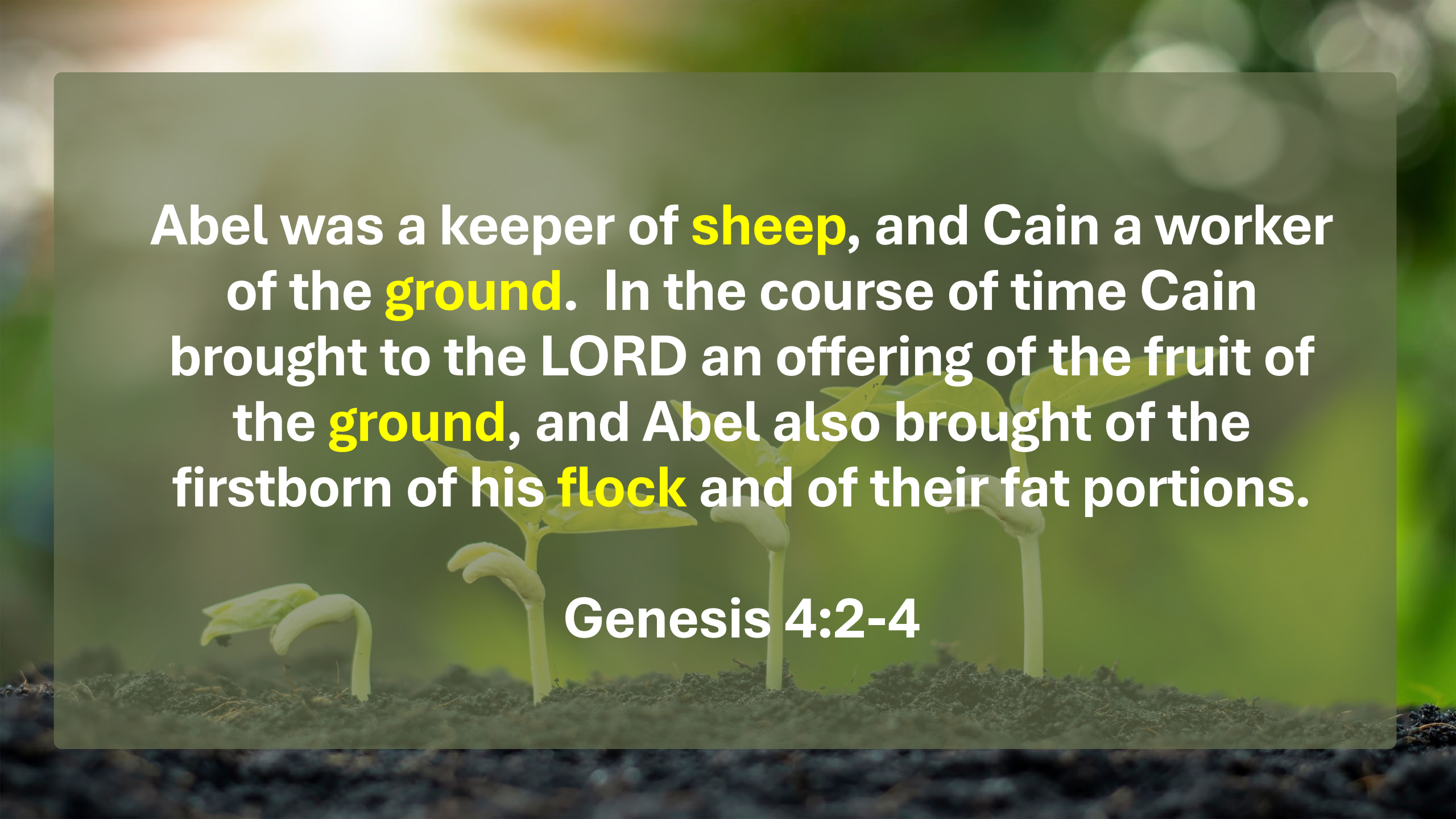
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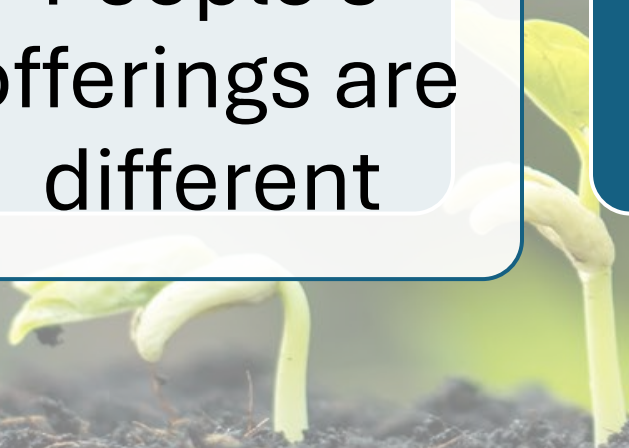
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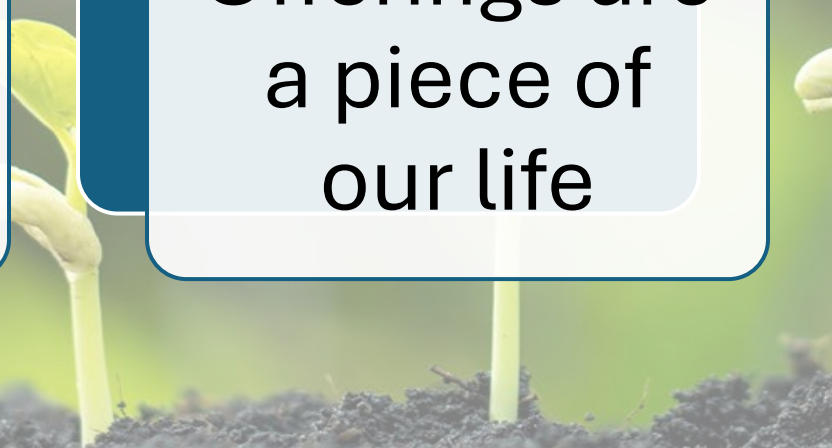
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Genesis 4:2-4

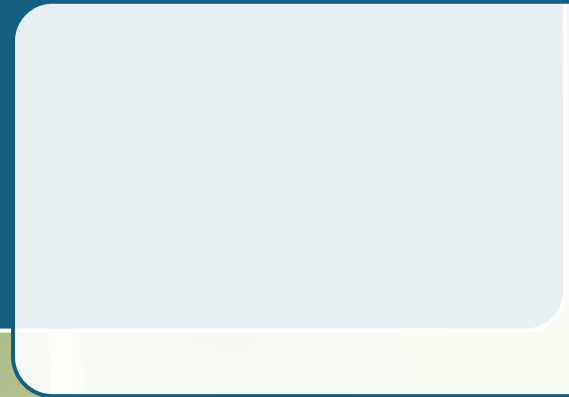
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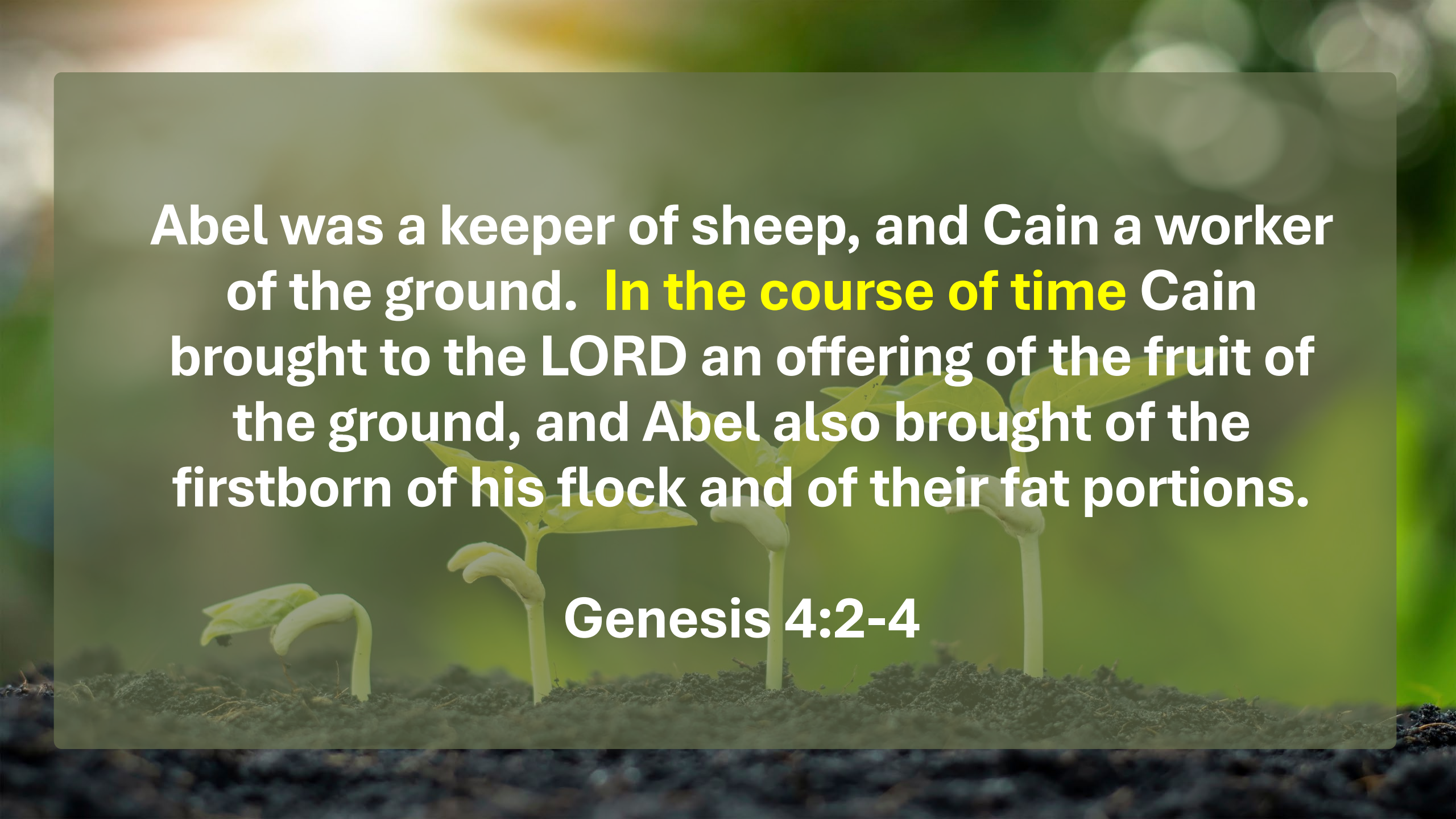
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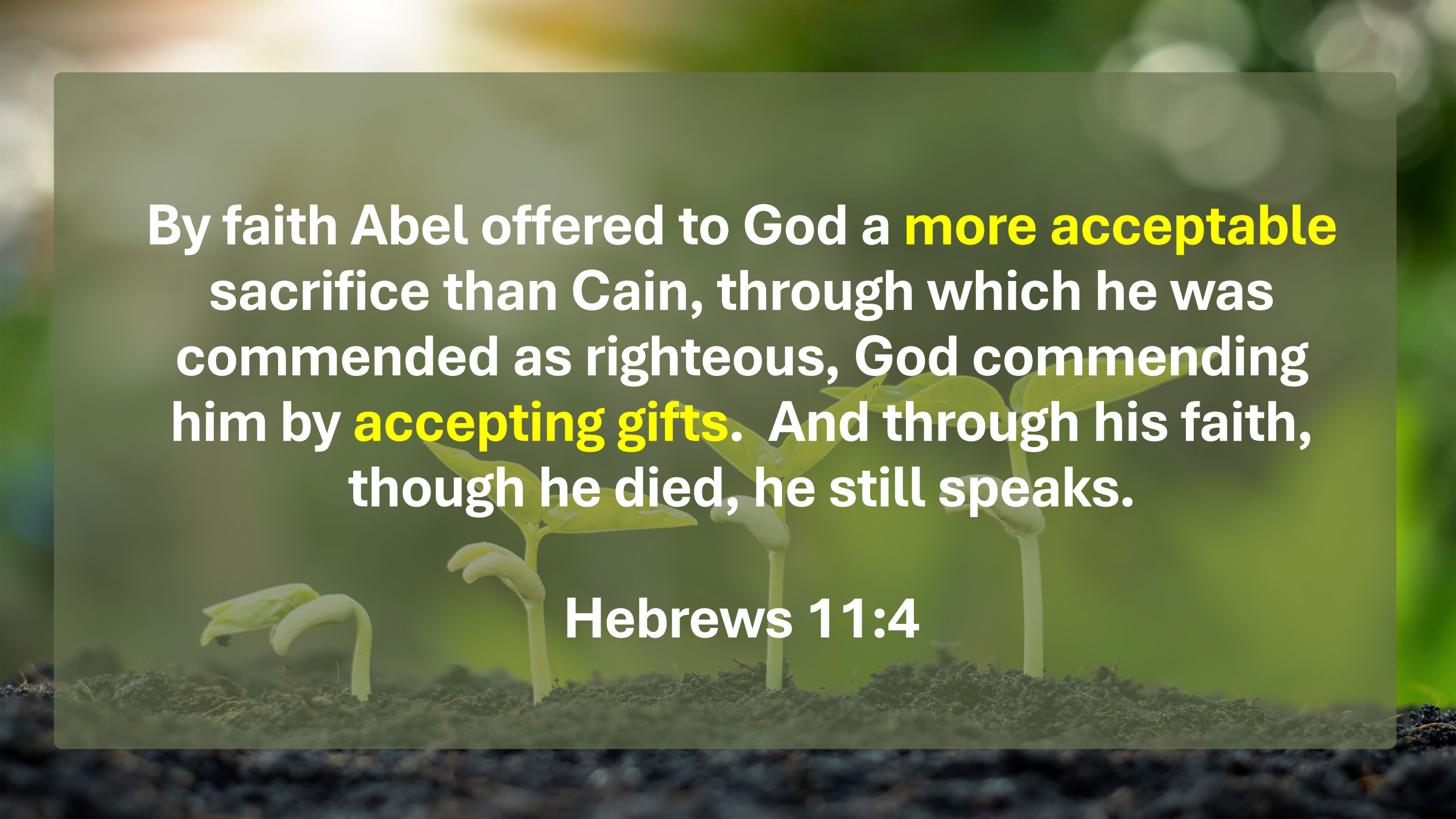
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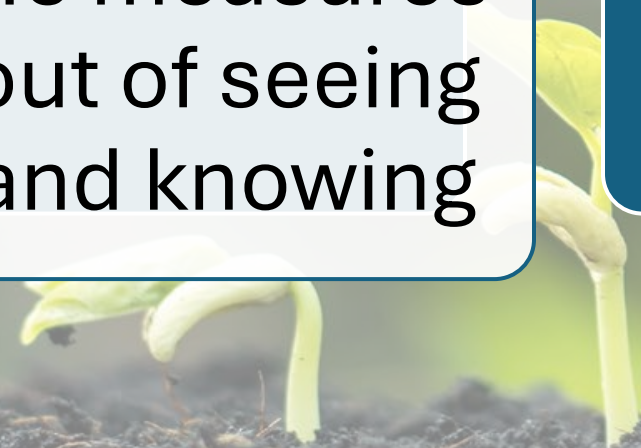
God gives to us first, by faith we give back

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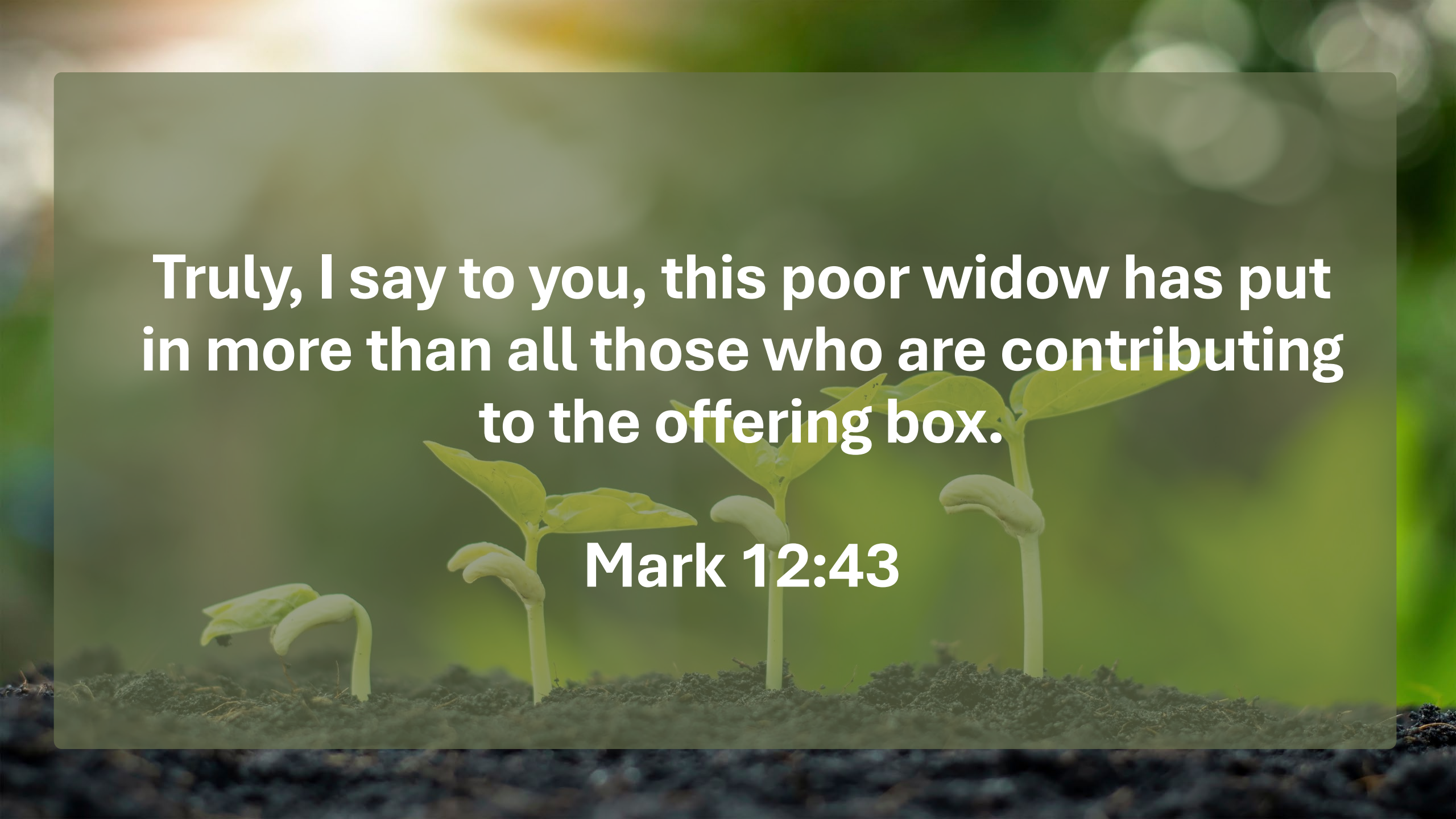
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Hebrews 11:4

II. God measures our stewardship

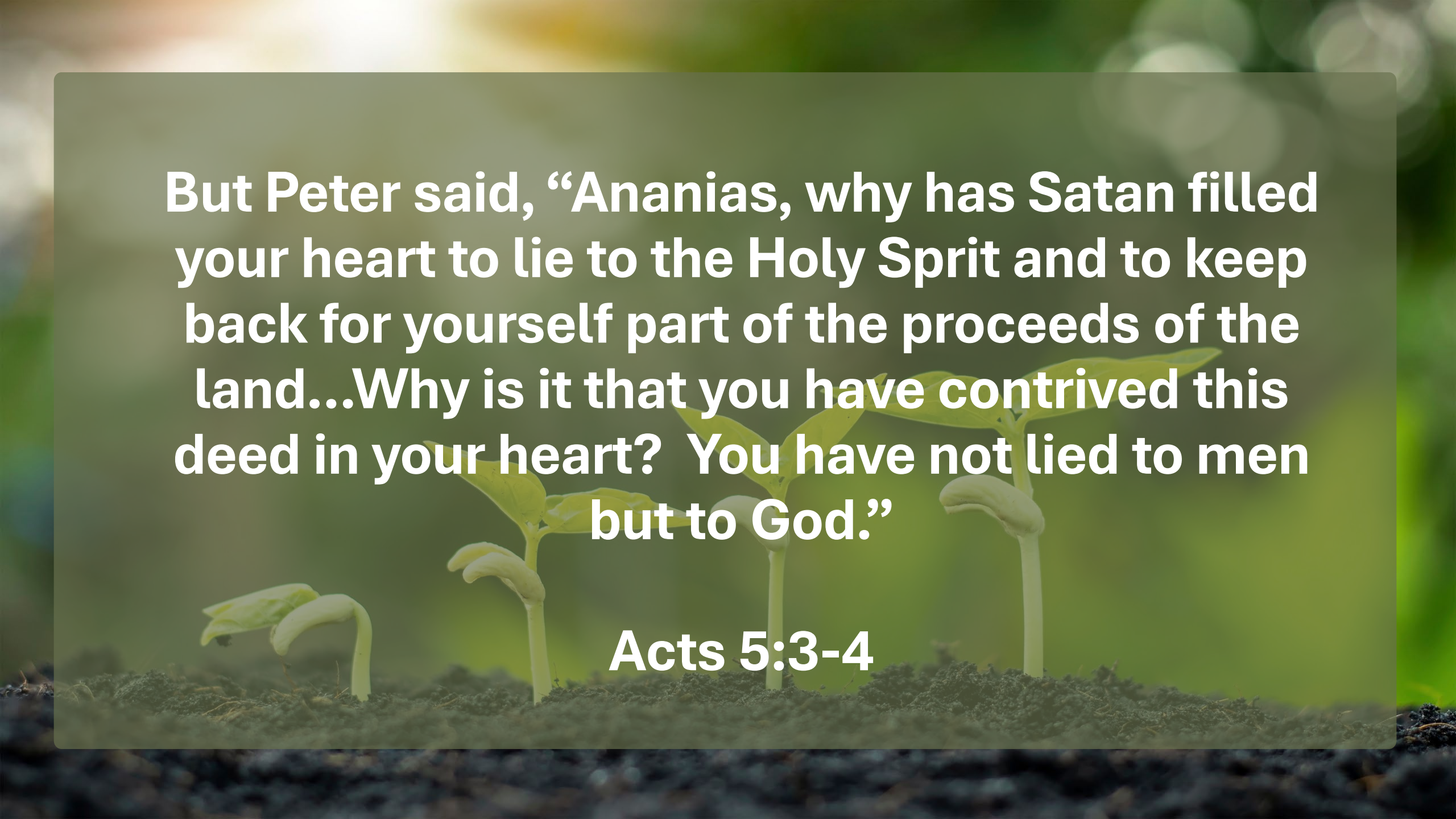
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He measures
out of seeing
and knowing

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**Truly, I say to you, this poor widow has put
in more than all those who are contributing
to the offering box.**

Mark 12:43

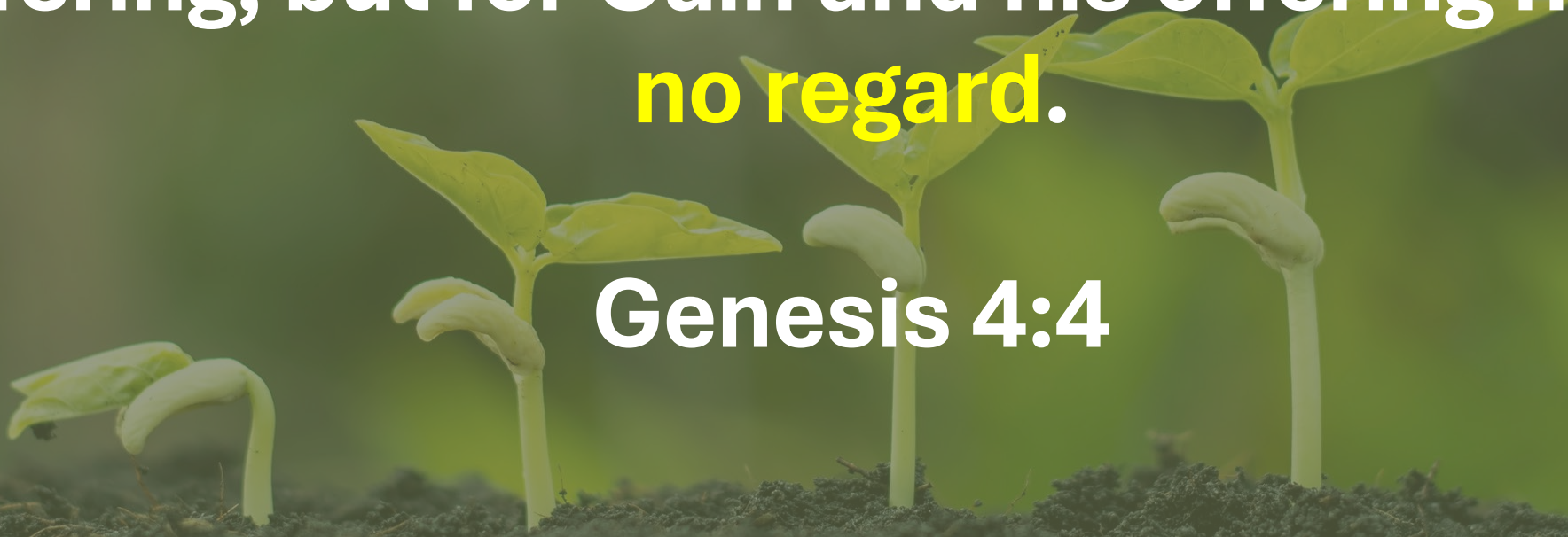
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But Peter said, “Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and to keep back for yourself part of the proceeds of the land...Why is it that you have contrived this deed in your heart? You have not lied to men but to God.”

Acts 5:3-4

And the LORD **had regard** for Abel and his offering, but for Cain and his offering he had **no regard**.

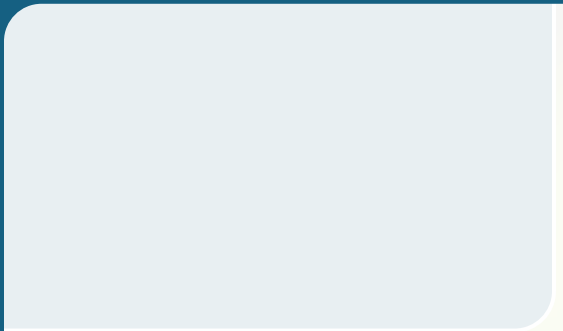
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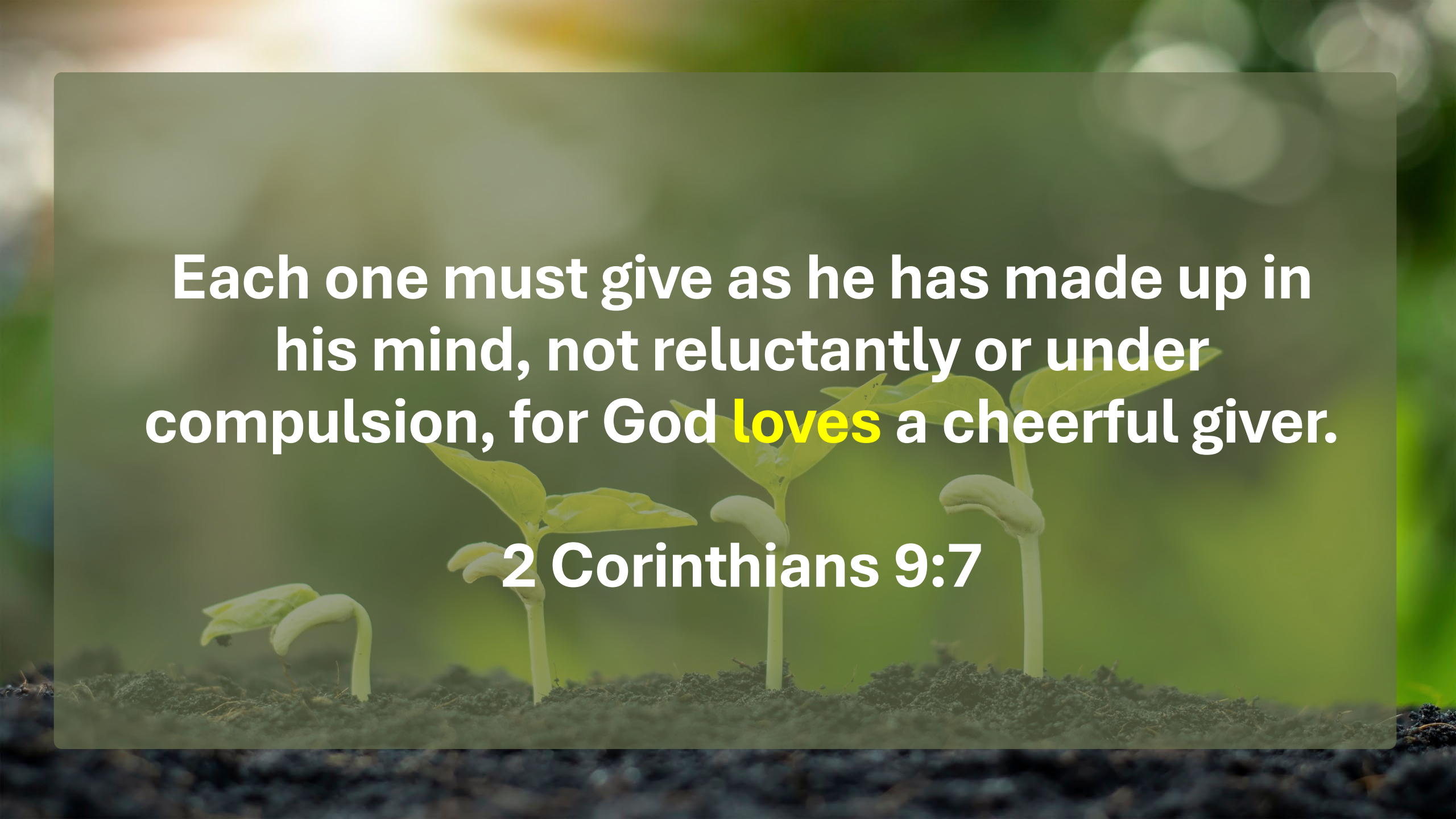


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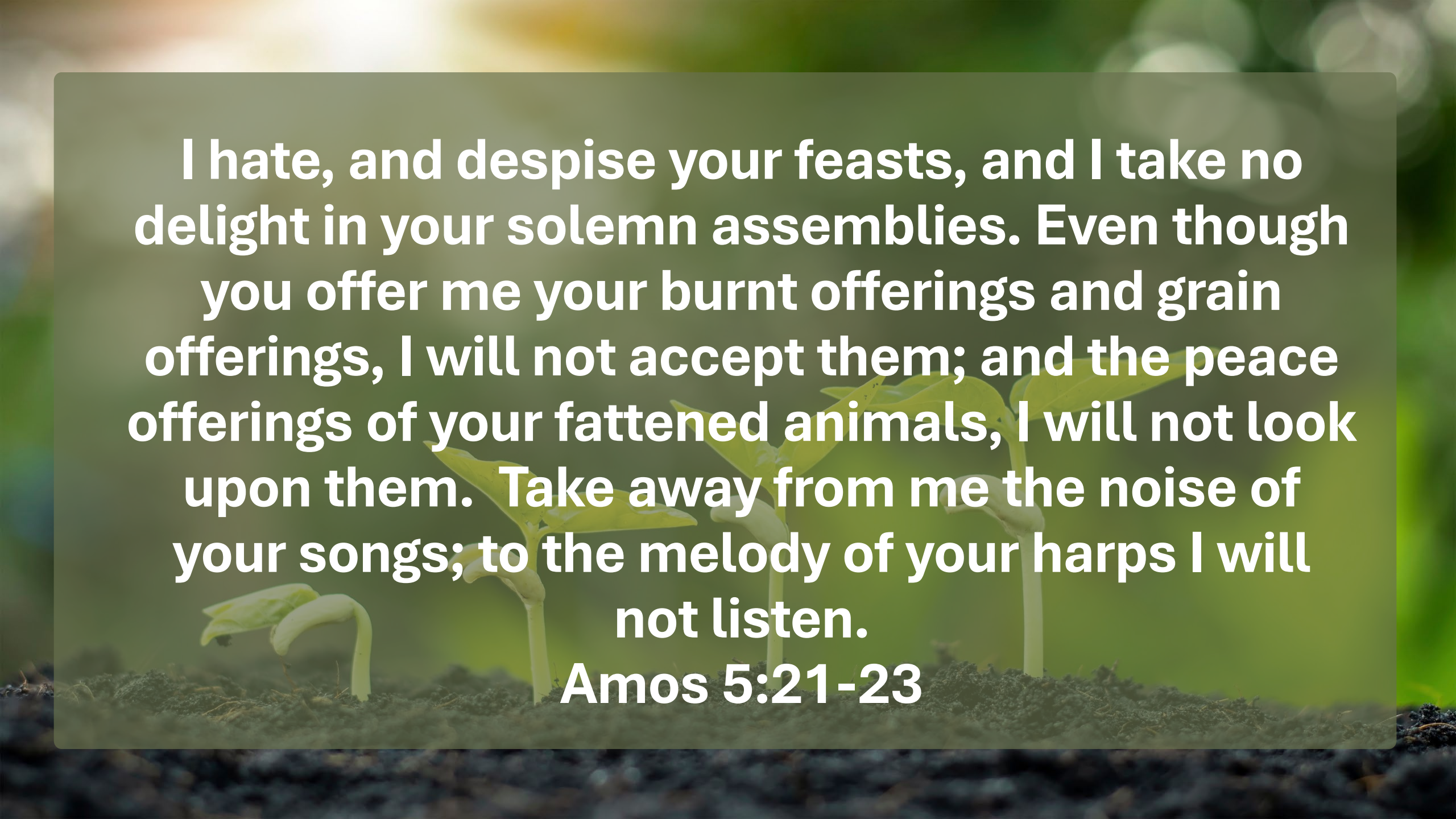
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Each one must give as he has made up in
his mind, not reluctantly or under
compulsion, for God **loves** a cheerful giver.

2 Corinthians 9:7

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**I hate, and despise your feasts, and I take no
delight in your solemn assemblies. Even though
you offer me your burnt offerings and grain
offerings, I will not accept them; and the peace
offerings of your fattened animals, I will not look
upon them. Take away from me the noise of
your songs; to the melody of your harps I will
not listen.**

Amos 5:21-23

II. God measures our stewardship

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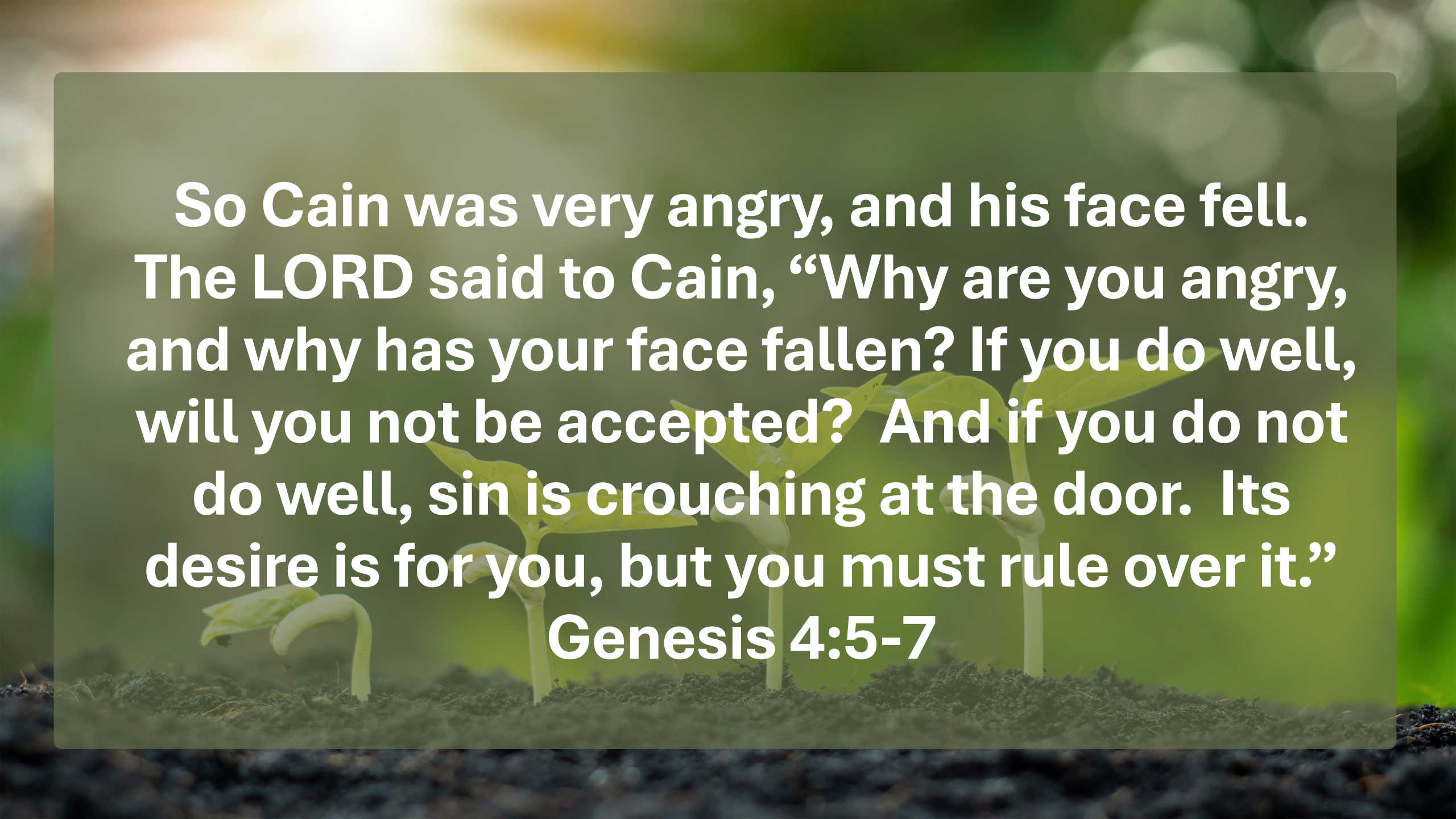
He is
measuring our
heart

Why did God reject Cain's offering?

Wrong
type?

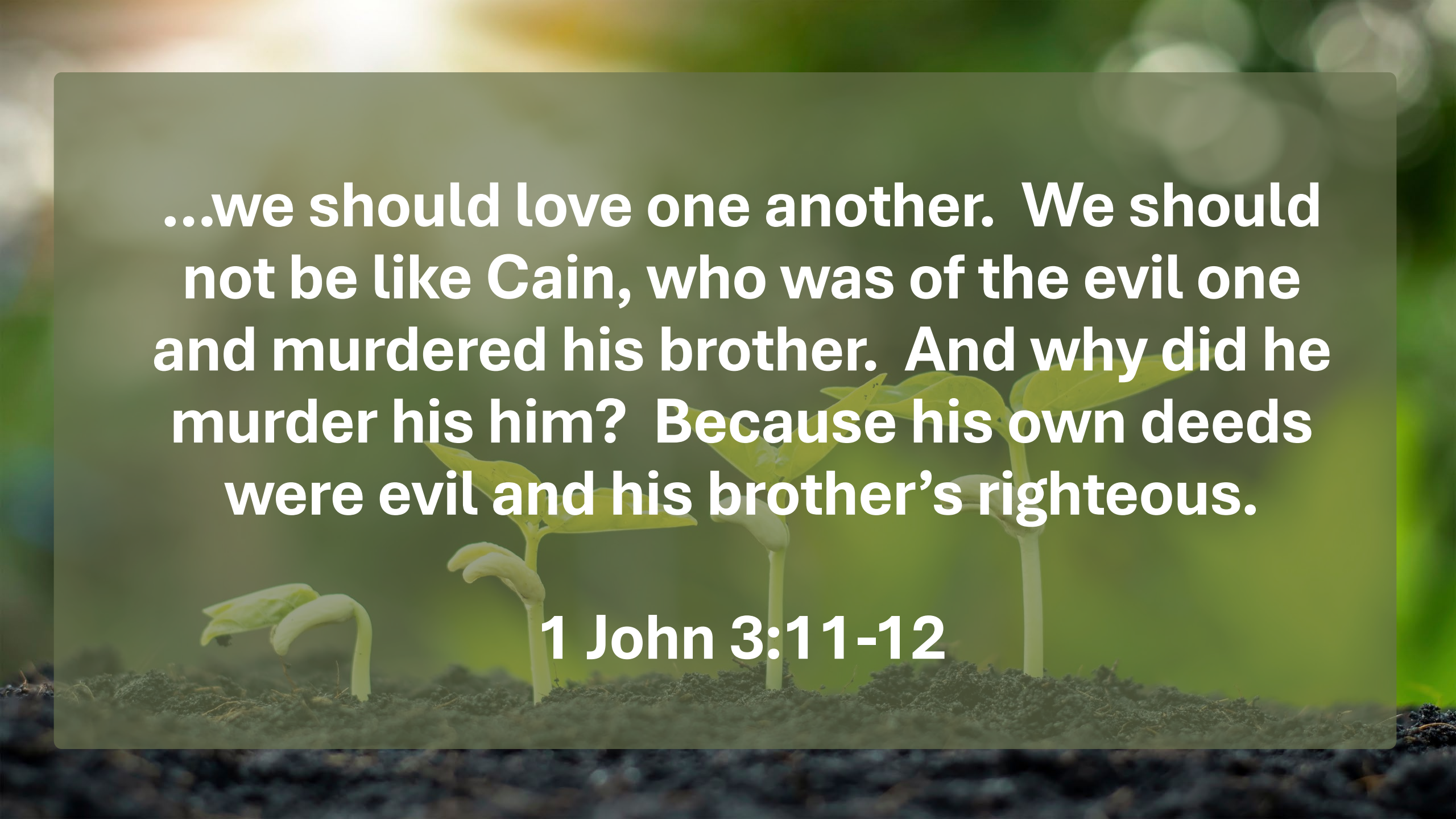
Poor
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Defiant
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**So Cain was very angry, and his face fell.
The LORD said to Cain, “Why are you angry,
and why has your face fallen? If you do well,
will you not be accepted? And if you do not
do well, sin is crouching at the door. Its
desire is for you, but you must rule over it.”**

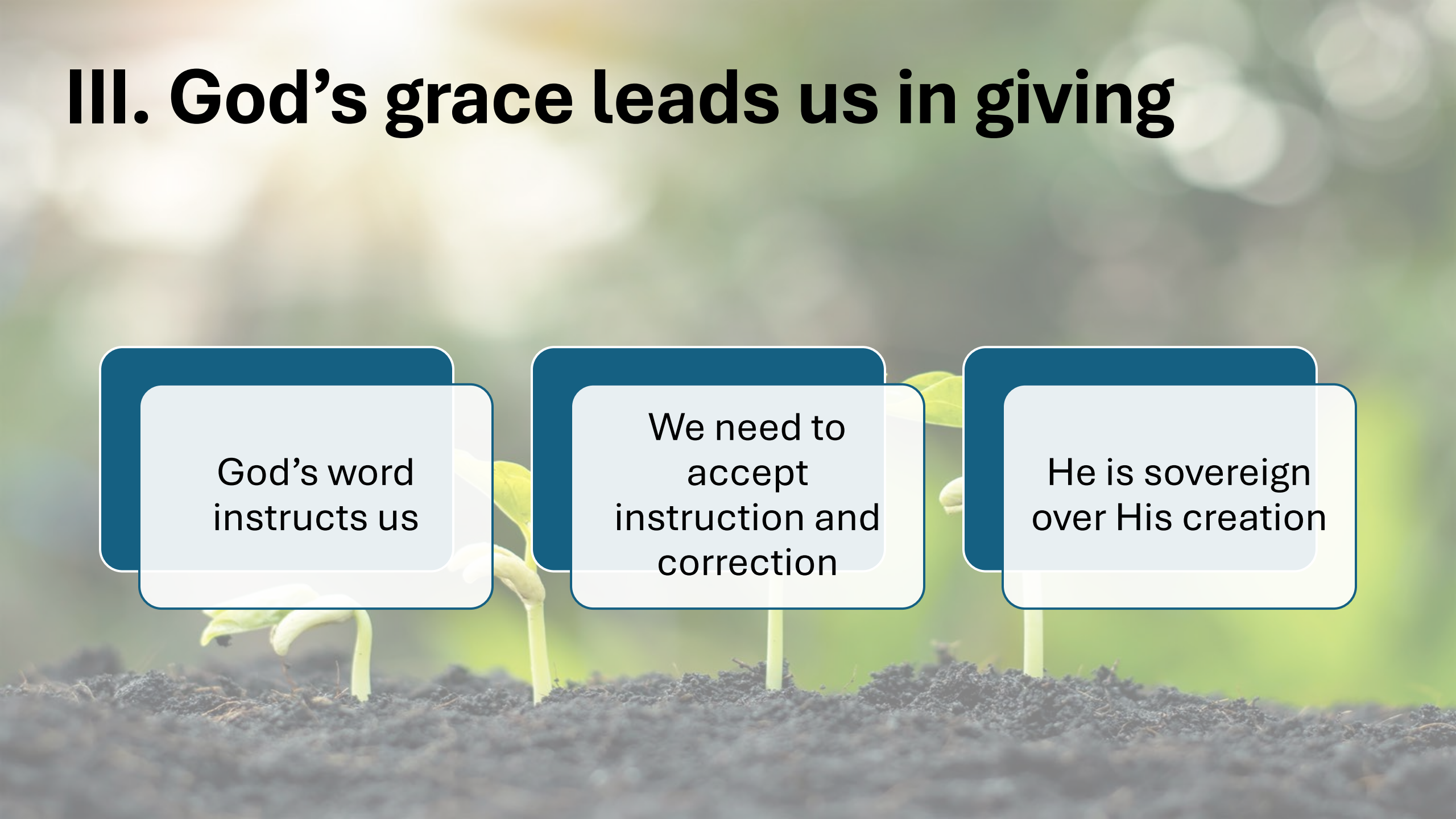
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...we should love one another. We should not be like Cain, who was of the evil one and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? Because his own deeds were evil and his brother's righteous.

1 John 3:11-12

III. God's grace leads us in giving

The background of the slide features a close-up of three small green seedlings with two leaves each, growing out of a mound of dark, rich soil. Above each seedling is a white rectangular text box with a blue border and a blue header bar. The text boxes are arranged in a horizontal line, slightly overlapping. The overall scene is brightly lit, with a soft, out-of-focus background of green foliage and sunlight filtering through, creating a warm and hopeful atmosphere.

God's word
instructs us

We need to
accept
instruction and
correction

He is sovereign
over His creation

Steps : Active Givers

First



Acceptable Givers

Steps:

Faith





First Time
Givers

Regular
Givers

Striving to
Tithe &
Beyond