

MONTHLY BIBLE STUDY



WHICH BROTHER ARE YOU?

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In the Bible we find several tales of two brothers. Let's look at the relationship and contrast between some of these brothers. The Bible gives us these examples to learn from and to help us understand what God expects from us.

CAIN AND ABLE

Read Genesis 4:1-12

In these few verses we read of the birth of two brothers and learn that that took two different paths in life.

- Why was Cain angry with his brother?
- What was the end result of Cain's anger?
- How did his anger and the resulting actions affect him and his family?
- What can we learn from these two brothers?

JACOB AND ESAU

Read Genesis 25:25-26

Brothers, Jacob and Esau, were twins born to Isaac and Rebekah. Jacob and Esau fought in the womb, even before birth! This story can be confusing at times.

Esau was what we would call a man's man. Big, strong, deep voiced, body hair and a beard, and able to hunt and live off of the land. Kind of like John the Baptist, Esau would probably have been a biker if he was living in today's time.

Jacob's name means supplanter, or in other words, thief. He was out to take his older brothers position. He was a momma's boy to say the least.

Read Genesis 25:12-34

- What foolish action did Esau do?
- What did it cost him?
- What can we learn from this about the consequences of our hasty and foolish actions?

MOSES AND ARRON

Read Exodus 4:1-9

In Exodus Chapter 4 we see the call of Moses. Even after God's many miraculous signs that He was with Moses he had doubts.

Read Exodus 4:10-16

- How did Moses sin in asking for a mouthpiece to speak for him?
- Who took the staff?
- Who did God intend to have originally?

Read Exodus 32:1-10

- What was Aaron's sin?
- What was God's response?

Read Exodus 32:11-17

- What was Moses' response to God's anger?

Read Exodus 32:22-24

- What was Aaron's response to God?
- What was different between Moses' response to God and Aaron's response?

Take a few minutes here and discuss the lessons learned from Moses and Aaron.

Among the twelve Apostles there were several brothers as well.

Andrew and Peter were brothers (John 1:40). James the Elder and John were brothers (Mark 3:17).

It's interesting to note that there is also biblical evidence that seems to indicate that James the Younger and Jude were not just brothers but could be Jesus' brothers. That's a study for another time but it does make one think there's spiritual significance to the relationship between brothers.

Read Acts 10:34

- Do you think God is more interested in the relationships of two brothers than He is of two sisters?

Read Galatians 3:26 and John 3:10

- Considering all we have read and discussed, what do these two verses say to you?