



The Forecast
Genesis 4:2-9; Psalm 62:11
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Bottom Line: The forecast of your relationships remains the same until the climate begins to change.

Introduction:

Climate dictates forecast. Not only is there a climate in each relationship, there's a climate you carry with you into every relationship and interaction.

Many people are unaware of what happens to the climate of the room when they arrive home or walk into a meeting at work. Do you? Do you know what happens to the climate when you walk into the room?

This is true for marriage, friendships, parenting – all our relationships.

Relationships are the greatest asset you have. Jesus said it this way when asked about the greatest commandment: Love God. Love People.

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Genesis 4:2-7 (NIV84)

Now Abel kept flocks, and Cain worked the soil. In the course of time Cain brought some of the fruits of the soil as an offering to the Lord. And Abel also brought an offering – fat portions from some of the firstborn of his flock. The Lord looked with favor on Abel and his offering, but on Cain and his offering he did not look with favor. So Cain was very angry, and his face was downcast.

Then the Lord said to Cain, “Why are you angry? Why is your face downcast? If you do what is right, will you not be accepted? But if you do not do what is right, sin is crouching at your door; it desires to have you, but you must rule over it.”

Be aware of your emotions. Don't become your emotions.
Genesis 4:8-9 (NIV84)

Now Cain said to his brother, Abel, “Let's go out to the field.” While they were in the field, Cain attacked his brother, Abel, and killed him.

Then the Lord said to Cain, “Where is your brother Abel?”

“I don't know,” he replied. “Am I my brother's keeper?”

Emotions master you or you master your emotions.

Emotions kill or heal.

The problem with Cain is that he allowed a devastating combination into his life: *an unhealthy climate and an unawareness of that climate.*

Psalm 62:11 (NIV84)

“You O God are a God of strength. And You O God are a God of tenderness.”

Important Step to Take This Week

Ask three people the following question:

What's it like to be on the other side of me?

NEXT STEPS:

- Memorize: Psalm 62:11.**
- Ask three people: What's it like to be on the other side of me?**
- Return next Sunday for Climate Change-Part2-An Unstable Climate.**

NEXT WEEK– Climate Change: An Unstable Climate

Do you have a friendship that has drifted? Or a marriage that is distant? Do you have a co-worker you've been avoiding? Or is it just the conflict you've been avoiding? In this message, we'll discuss two very interesting words Solomon used to describe behavior that will “win favor. . .in the sight of God.” And they are two words that may help you navigate the conflicts you've been avoiding.