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Cain - Genesis 4

1. A lot of us are born into dysfunctional families. Who were Cain's parents?
(Genesis 3:20) _____
2. What did his parents do that screwed up everything? (Genesis 3:17)

3. What were the immediate consequences of his parents' actions?
 - a. (Gen. 3:19) _____
 - b. (Gen. 3:23-24) _____
4. What control did Cain have over the condition of his family when he was born?

5. Notice that before the assault (murder) by Cain, Cain had an issue with God. What was that issue? (Gen. 4:3-7) _____
6. Cain was trying to build a relationship with God his own way, not God's way. How did that work out for him?
 - a. (Gen. 4:5) "Cain was very _____." (Attitude)
 - b. (Gen. 4:5) "His _____ fell." (Attitude)
 - c. (Gen. 4:8) "Cain _____ with Abel." (Plan)
 - d. (Gen. 4:8) "When they were in the _____." (Plan)
 - e. (Gen. 4:8) "Cain rose up _____ Abel and _____ him." (Action)
 - f. (Gen. 4:9) "Cain said, 'I do not _____.'" (Attitude)
7. What consequences did Cain fear?
 - a. (Gen. 4:12) "He will be a _____ and a _____ on the earth."
 - b. (Gen 4:13) "My _____ is too _____ to bear."
 - c. (Gen. 4:14) "I shall be hidden from Your _____."
 - d. (Gen. 4:15) "_____ who finds me will _____ me."
(Interesting fact - everyone on the earth so far would be his family.)
8. Cain's future cannot be good. Why? (Gen. 4:16) _____
9. However, even though Cain crossed a line & killed someone, what did God do?
(Gen. 4:15) _____
10. Notice Esau's family history. Life went on. What did they accomplish? (Gen 4:17-21)

A final thought - Esau's life did not appear to include God, yet he named first son "Enoch" which means "dedicated one". Adam & Eve named their next son "Seth" which also means "dedicated one". Is there any possibility that Cain could have wanted to "half-way" honor God? (Genesis 4:17; 4:25)