



Welcome to Worship

Sanford church of Christ



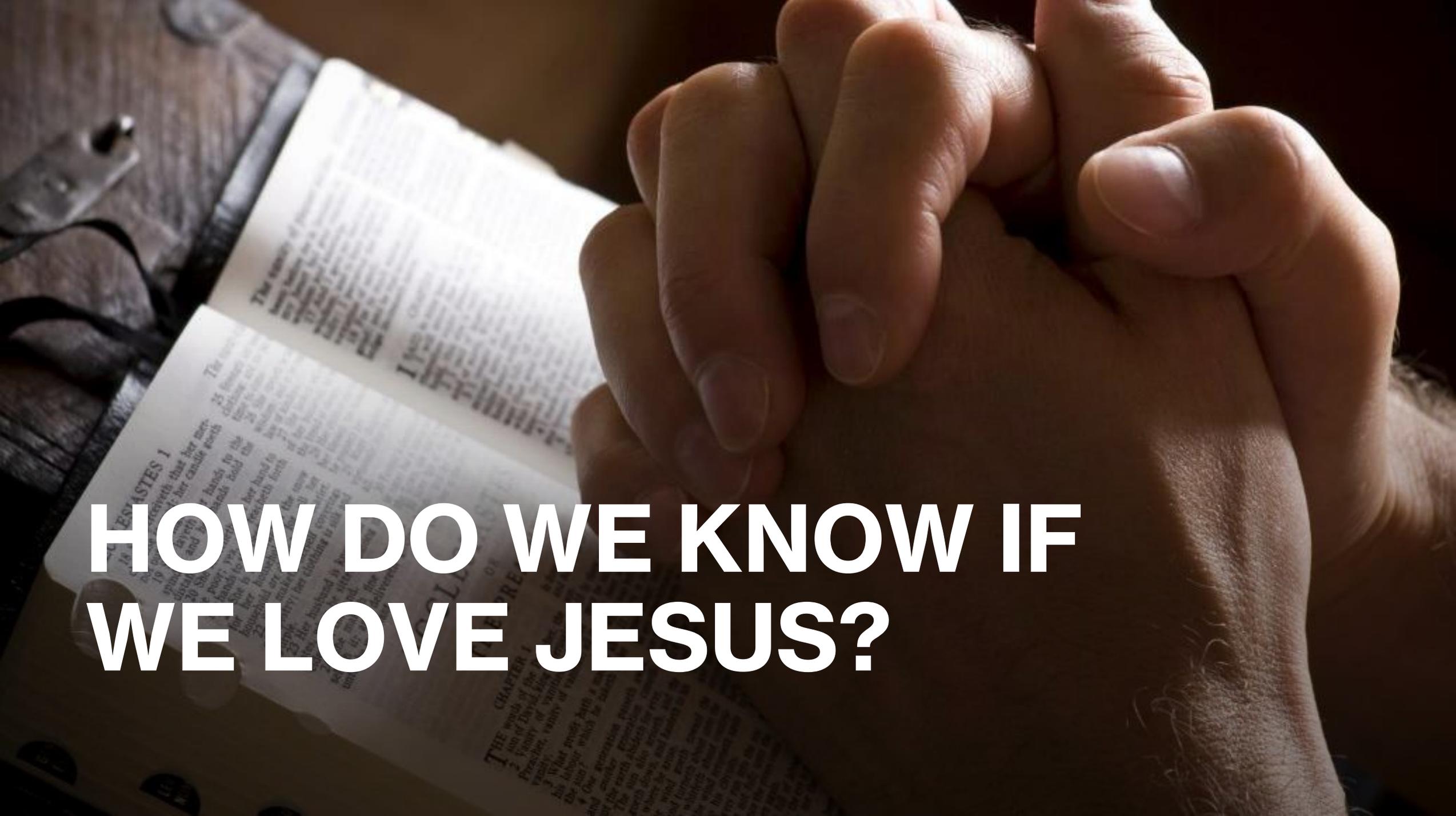
**GENESIS 4
CAIN'S OFFERING**

4 By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain, through which he was commended as righteous, God commending him by accepting his gifts. And through his faith, though he died, he still speaks.

- Hebrews 11:4 (ESV)

15 When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” He said to him, “Feed my lambs.” 16 He said to him a second time, “Simon, son of John, do you love me?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” He said to him, “Tend my sheep.” 17 He said to him the third time, “Simon, son of John, do you love me?” Peter was grieved because he said to him the third time, “Do you love me?” and he said to him, “Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my sheep.

-John 21:15 – 17 (ESV)



**HOW DO WE KNOW IF
WE LOVE JESUS?**

15 “If you love me, you will keep my commandments.

- John 14:15 (ESV)

Obedience proves our love.

2 By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. 3 For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome.

- 1 John 5:2 – 3 (ESV)

Obedience flows from faith, not fear.

34 “Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. 35 For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law. 36 And a person’s enemies will be those of his own household. 37 Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. 38 And whoever does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me. 39 Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.

- Matthew 10:34 – 39 (ESV)

True love puts Christ first.

What Happens When Love Fades?

Like Cain, our worship becomes empty and self-centered.

Like Peter before the rooster crowed, our courage fails when pressure comes.

But when love is restored, like Peter after breakfast on the beach, we rise again in purpose and power.



Do you love Jesus?

“We love because He first loved us.” – 1 John 4:19