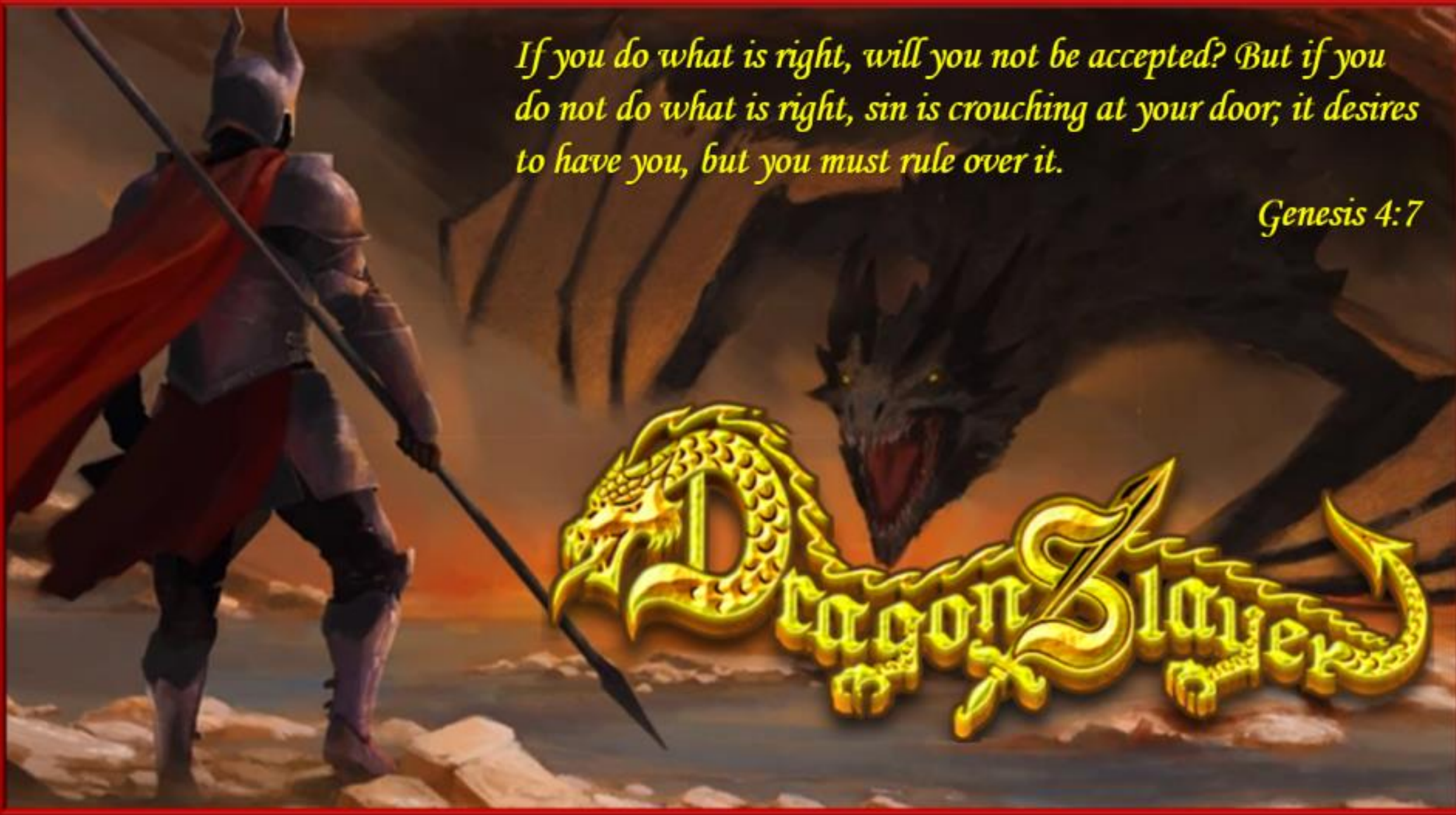




If you do what is right, will you not be accepted? But if you do not do what is right, sin is crouching at your door; it desires to have you, but you must rule over it.

Genesis 4:7



The Dragon Slayer

It's not a process, it's a person

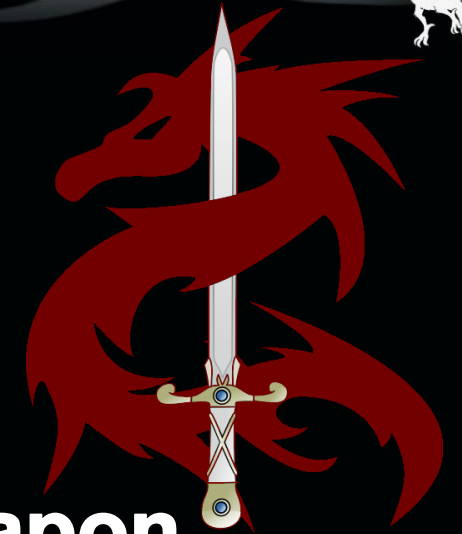
It's not directions it's a decision

It's not a religion it's a relationship

You don't need more will-power you need a weapon

For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints, and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.

Hebrews 4:12





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Coming out of his mouth is a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations. “He will rule them with an iron scepter.” He treads the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God Almighty.

Revelation 19:15

The rest were killed with the sword coming out of the mouth of the rider on the horse, and all the birds gorged themselves on their flesh.

Revelation 19:21





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Consequently, just as one trespass resulted in condemnation for all people, so also one righteous act resulted in justification and life for all people. For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so also through the obedience of the one man the many will be made righteous. The law was brought in so that the trespass might increase. But where sin increased, grace increased all the more...



Romans 5:18-19





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Who is He?

Jesus!

Take delight in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart.

Psalm 37:4





Remember

Sin is an inside job

Thus, it must be fixed on the inside not restrained from the outside

It is fueled by my prideful desires which produce my actions



Therefore, if I allow (choice) my desires to align with God's desires, my sin dies





Jesus the Dragon Slayer

In week one he was mentioned as the gift

In week two he was referenced as the deliverer

In week three he was the bringer of eternal life

In week four where I am to run to when I retreat (Refuge)

In week five it was his death that paid for ultimate grace





**In week six he is the one we know yet walk away
from in our pride**





**So how does Jesus solve
my sin problem today?**



Then he said to the all: “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves, and take up their cross daily and follow me.

Luke 9:23

Relationship





Jesus the Dragon Slayer



Jesus starts off with a word we blow right past "wants"

It goes back to the word **DESIRE**

If you don't want Jesus, he is not going to force you into a relationship

He is not begging you to come,
he is offering you the chance of a lifetime

You must **WANT** it more than you want life itself





**It's not enough to want
Jesus you must want the**

Relationship





Jesus the Dragon Slayer



That is why the dragon reigns because we want Jesus but only on our terms

Jesus is looking for Disciples

Relationship

In Biblical times the word was more like an apprentice

A Disciple lived with, learned from, and copied their Rabbi

Wanting Jesus is not a negotiation, it's a surrender





Deny Yourself

The Death of Me!

In essence he takes you out of you

In a bold move he goes right after the prideful beast

**For sin to finally be slain you must decide what God wants
is more important than what I want**





Take Up Your Cross

What is on that cross?

For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over him.

Romans 6:9

For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body ruled by sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin

Romans 6:6





Take Up Your Cross

Jesus says take it up, wouldn't be easier to leave it behind?

Taking it with me makes sense because it reminds me where I came from (**humble**)

Daily




Taking it with me will allow others to see God's grace and work in me (**testimony**)





Romans 6:11-14

In the same way, count yourselves **dead to sin** but **alive to God in Christ Jesus**. Therefore, do not let sin **reign** in your mortal body so that you obey its evil desires. **Do not offer any part of yourself to sin** as an instrument of wickedness, but rather **offer yourselves to God** as those who have been brought from **death to life**; and **offer every part of yourself to him** as an instrument of righteousness. **For sin shall no longer be your master**, because you are **not under the law**, but **under grace**.





Follow Me!

While the requirements are great the reward far exceeds the cost

The payoff is a lifelong guide that will never leave you

Yes, you will go through valley of temptation but never alone





Follow Me!

Absolutely you become a washed in a sea of doubts, but you are tethered to the light house

You may indeed have moments when you fall flat on your face, but he will never let you wallow in the mud

But to reap the reward you must continuously stay in step with Jesus





Dragon Slayer

The Dragon Slayer has arrived
have you answered his call?