

# **The Story of Two Brothers**

**Two brothers shared a farm. The younger brother was married and had seven children. The older brother was single. They worked hard on land that was good. So for many years the harvests were abundant, and each year the brothers split the wealth of the land evenly. Thanking God for their prosperity, they gathered the grain into their separate barns.**

**After one harvest time, the older, single brother thought to himself: "It is not right that we should divide the grain evenly. My brother has many mouths to feed and he needs more. I have only myself to look after. I can certainly get by with less." So each night the single brother would take grain from his barn and secretly transfer it to the married brother's barn.**

**That same night the married brother thought to himself: "It is not right that we should divide the grain evenly. I have many children who will look after me in my old age. My brother has only himself. Surely he will need to save more for the future." So each night the married brother would take grain from his barn and secretly transfer it to his older brother's barn.**

**So it happened, each night the brothers gave away their grain; yet each morning they found their supply mysteriously replenished. Neither brother told the other about this miracle.**

**Then one night after a month or so, the brothers met each other halfway between the barns. They realized at once what had been happening. They embraced one another with laughter and tears. And on that spot they built a temple in which to worship God.**