



# FAITH & RELATIONSHIPS

James 4:1-12





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*There is no greater mark of maturity than how a follower of Jesus gets along with other people.*





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# THE CAUSE OF CONFLICT: CONFLICTING DESIRES

"What causes fights and quarrels among you? Don't they come from your desires that battle within you?" (v. 1)





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The Desire *TO HAVE POSSESSIONS*

"You want what you don't have ... you long for what others have ..." (vs. 2 LB)





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The Desire *TO HAVE PLEASURE*

"... you want only what will give you pleasure" (vs. 3b LB)





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The Desire *TO HAVE POWER*

"Pride leads to arguments ..."  
Prov. 13:10 (LB)





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*If the fuse that ignites conflict is PRIDE,  
then conflict is diffused by HUMILITY.*





WHAT REAL  
FAITH LOOKS  
LIKE

THE CURE FOR CONFLICT: HUMILITY

"God ... gives grace to the humble.  
Humble yourself before the Lord, and  
he will lift you up." (vs. 6 & 10)





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## 1. GIVE INTO GOD

"Submit yourselves then to God ..." (vs.  
7a)

"Let the peace of Christ rule in your  
heart." Col 3:15





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## 2. RESIST THE DEVIL

"Resist the devil, and he will flee from you." (vs.7b)

"In order that Satan might not outwit us, we are not unaware of his schemes." 2

Cor. 2:11





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### 3. GET CLOSER TO GOD

- "Come near to God and He will come near to you." (vs. 8a)
- "He will keep in perfect peace all those who trust in Him, whose thoughts turn often to the Lord." Isaiah 26:3



## 4. BE WILLING TO ASK FORGIVENESS

- "Wash your hands ... purify your hearts ..." (vs. 8b)
- "Let there be tears for the wrong you've done." (vs. 9 LB)
- "Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility, consider others better than yourselves. Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also the interests of others. Your attitude should be the same as that of Jesus Christ." [Phil. 2:3-5](#)



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*When we get our lives right with God – it affects our relationships with other people.*

