**May 3rd, 2020**

**Sermon Series: *The Letter of James***

**Passage: *James 3:18-4:10***

**Sermon Author: *Brad Julihn***

1. Read James 3:18-4:10 aloud.
2. Discuss your initial observations of the text.
3. In James 4:2 we read, “*You desire but do not have.”* Have you ever felt like you just had to have something, but you could not have it? If yes, how did you react? How did you feel when your anxious desires were frustrated?
4. Brad said he tends to speak truth to his heart when he finds himself irrationally invested in something he desperately wants; how do you respond when your heart desires something or someone inappropriately?
5. Brad stated that “Christian Magic” involves “trying to control God by getting Him to do what you want Him to do.” Have you ever practiced Christian Magic? If yes, what were you trying to get God to do for your personal gain?
6. The path to freedom from the control of our desires and our adulterous hearts involves humbling ourselves before God and crying out to Him for His grace (see James 4:7-10). Please share a personal story of when you have experienced God setting you free from your compulsion to control your desires after you have humbled yourself before Him and cried out to Him for grace?