Notes for message- James week 8

**James- Faith That Works**

***Fight the Right Fight***

**James 4:1** What causes fights and quarrels among you? NIV

**Conflict’s Cause**

* The source of conflict is internal.

**James 4:1-3** What causes fights and quarrels among you? Don't they come from your desires that battle within you? You want something but don't get it. You kill and covet, but you cannot have what you want. You quarrel and fight. You do not have, because you do not ask God. When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures. NIV

* The source of conflict is external.

**James 4:4, 5** You adulterous people, don't you know that friendship with the world is hatred toward God? Anyone who chooses to be a friend of the world becomes an enemy of God. Or do you think Scripture says without reason that the spirit he caused to live in us envies intensely? NIV

**Matt 13:22** The one who received the seed that fell among the thorns is the man who hears the word, but the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke it, making it unfruitful. NIV

**Conflict’s Cure**

**James 4:6-10** But he gives us more grace. That is why Scripture says: "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble." Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Come near to God and he will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. Grieve, mourn and wail. Change your laughter to mourning and your joy to gloom. Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up. NIV

* Fight for grace. (vs. 6)

**Isa 30:18** Yet the LORD longs to be gracious to you; he rises to show you compassion. For the LORD is a God of justice. Blessed are all who wait for him! NIV

* Fight for submission. (vs. 7)

**Ps 143:10** Teach me to do your will, for you are my God; may your good Spirit lead me on level ground. NIV

* Fight for resistance. (vs. 7)

**John 10:10** The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full. NIV

**Eph 6:11-12** Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. NIV

* Fight for pursuit. (vs. 8)

**Ps 73:28** But as for me, it is good to be near God. I have made the Sovereign LORD my refuge… NIV

**Ps 145:18** The LORD is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth. NIV (put these together😊)

* Fight for remorse. (vs. 9)

**Ps 51:10-12** Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me. NIV

* Fight for humility. (vs. 10)

**Matt 23:12** For whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted. NIV