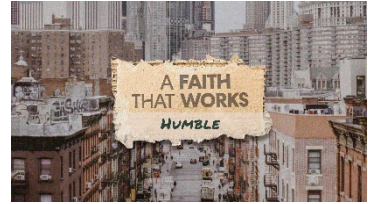


## James: A Faith that Works

# Humble

James 4:1-10

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### Opening Thought Question:

What are the causes of quarreling and fighting among us?

### On the origin of conflicts (1-3)

- Sources of conflict within Christian congregations: our sin manifesting itself in \_\_\_\_\_, or \_\_\_\_\_.
- A significant way that we demonstrate our dependence on God is through \_\_\_\_\_.

First antidote for quarreling and fighting among us -- \_\_\_\_\_.

### A Friend we Need (4-6)

- A key marker of friendship with the world is growing \_\_\_\_\_. While a key marker of friendship with God is growing \_\_\_\_\_.

Friendship with the world:

Friendship with God:

Second antidote for quarreling and fighting among us -- \_\_\_\_\_.

### The Way of Humility (7-10)

The Way of Humility:

Third antidote for quarreling and fighting among us -- \_\_\_\_\_.

### Further Study

Matthew 5-7

Matt. 7:7-8  
1 Tim. 2:1-4  
1 Thess. 5:16-18

Jn. 15:14-16  
Matt. 22:37-39  
Jms. 1:17

God's  
Jealousy &  
Our Response  
Scriptures:  
Ex. 20:5, 34:14  
Ps. 42:1, 84:2  
Zech. 8:2  
Jn. 7:39  
Rom. 8:11  
1 Cor. 3:16  
Gal. 4:6  
Eph. 4:30

Ps. 23:3-4  
Php. 2:5-11  
Matt. 23:12

**Next Week: James-A Faith that Works "Good" 4:11-17**

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<p style="text-align: center;">James: A Faith that Works</p> <h2 style="text-align: center;">Humble</h2> <p style="text-align: center;">Next Steps: Home-Group Study and/or Personal Discipleship Guide</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Jms. 4:1-10</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Get together as a family or with a friend or group of friends this week!</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Start with <u>Prayer</u> -ask Jesus to guide our time together. Go over prayer requests together.</p> <p><b><u>Read the Text</u></b> – James 4:1-10</p> <p><b><u>Questions for Reflection &amp; Discussion:</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. James begins this section by identifying where conflicts and quarrels in the church come from. As you reflect on verses 1-3, what does he identify as the source of conflict in the church? How does this connect with his words in 3:13-18?</li> <li>2. In verses 4-6 James talks about friendship with the world and friendship with God. What are some of the outcomes of making friends with the systems and ways of the world?</li> <li>3. What are the outcomes of cultivating our friendship with God? Discuss or journal about ways that you have intentionally cultivated your friendship with God. How has cultivating a friendship with God strengthened and sustained your relationship with others?</li> <li>4. Verses 7-10 describe a pathway for the humble. What attitudes or behaviors are a part of a humble life? How does the church grow healthier and more united as we apply these principles both in our individual lives, and in our broader congregation?</li> <li>5. What is the promise for congregations and individuals who humble themselves before the Lord? Why is this hopeful for the church? How did Jesus perfectly demonstrate this? (Philippians 2:5-11)</li> </ol> <p><b><u>Questions guiding Spiritual Formation &amp; Application:</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. How does this text invite us to grow in a greater love for God?</li> <li>2. What lessons within this text move us towards growing in our love for one another?</li> <li>3. What principles could be applied to our family life, careers, communities, or congregational life?</li> <li>4. Consider how Jesus could use our application of the principles in this text to draw those that do not know him, unto himself?</li> <li>5. Who is currently in our lives that needs an invitation to meet Jesus or be part of a kind and gracious Christian community?</li> </ol>	<p><b><u>Further Study</u></b></p> <p>Matthew 5-7 Matt. 7:7-8 1 Tim. 2:1-4 1 Thess. 5:16-18 Jn. 15:14-16 Matt. 22:37-39 Jms. 1:17 Ps. 24:3-4 Php. 2:5-11 Matt. 23:12</p> <p style="text-align: center;">God's Jealousy &amp; Our Response</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Scriptures:</p> <p>Ex. 20:5, 34:14 Ps. 42:1, 84:2 Zech. 8:2 Jn. 7:39 Rom. 8:11 1 Cor. 3:16 Gal. 4:6 Eph. 4:30</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Prayer Requests</u></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Family</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Church</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Community</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Career/Friends</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Other</p>