



But He gives us more and more grace [through the power of the Holy Spirit to defy sin and live an obedient life that reflects both our faith and our gratitude for our salvation]. Therefore, it says, “God is opposed to the proud and haughty, but [continually] gives [the gift of] grace to the humble [who turn away from self-righteousness].” So submit to [the authority of] God. Resist the devil [stand firm against him] and he will flee from you. Come close to God [with a contrite heart] and He will come close to you. Wash your hands, you sinners; and purify your [unfaithful] hearts, you double-minded [people]. Be miserable and grieve and weep [over your sin]. Let your [foolish] laughter be turned to mourning and your [reckless] joy to gloom. Humble yourselves [with an attitude of repentance and insignificance] in the presence of the Lord, and He will exalt you [He will lift you up, He will give you purpose]. **James 4:6-10**

# WHO’S REALLY IN CHARGE?

## 1. Pride makes a terrible boss.

Pride goes before destruction, a haughty spirit before a fall. **Proverbs 16:18**  
God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble. **1 Peter 5:5**

## 2. Grace is for folks who know they need it.

My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness. **2 Corinthians 12:9**  
The Lord is near to the heartbroken. And He saves those who are crushed in spirit (contrite in heart, truly sorry for their sin). **Psalm 34:18**

## 3. Drawing near to God changes everything.

Remain in Me, and I will remain in you... apart from Me you can do nothing. **John 15:4-5**  
You will seek Me and find Me when you seek Me with all your heart. **Jeremiah 29:13**

## 4. The way up is down.

For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted. **Luke 14:11**

Christ humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death - even to death on a cross. **Philippians 2:8**