

## Sunday, May 17 At Home Church

**A time to be thankful** – in the midst of a bizarre time, let's not forget to be thankful. Take a few minutes to share what you're thankful for right now.

What is one takeaway from Pastor Dave's message today?

A few background questions to help us in our understanding of James.

- Who wrote James? (James)
- Who did he write it to? (The church – all believers, the new Israel)

Read James 4 and as you read it, think of one word that sticks out to you.

What word stuck out to you as you read James 4?

Now let's dive a little deeper into our chapter. I will share a few things and questions that stuck out to me from James 4 but please don't get stuck on just these questions. If other thoughts and questions stick out to you, discuss those as well. The goal is simply for us to learn from God's Word this morning and grow together, even while apart.

- Vs. 1-2, James says that what causes our fights and quarrels?
  - o How does my desire for something that I don't get lead to fighting and quarreling?
- Vs. 4 says we can't be friends with the world and still love God. What happens if someone tries to love both God and the things of this world? Also, Take a look at 1 John 2:15-17 and Matthew 6:24 and see what they add to this discussion.
- Vs 7-10 lists several commands that God gives us. Let's walk through a few of them.
  - o Submit to God – submit is to accept or yield to the authority of another person. What does it look like to submit to God and why do we struggle to submit to Him?

- Resist the devil – resist is to withstand the action or effect of something/someone. How do we resist the devil (see Matthew 4, 1 Corinthians 10:13) and what does James say will happen if we resist the devil?
- Come near to God – What kinds of things can we do to draw near to God? What is the promise if we come near to God?
- Vs 11 says to not slander one another. To slander means to make a false and damaging statement about another person. Shall we go back to chapter 3 and revisit the power of our words? 😊 And what if we applied this verse to what we post on social media?
- Vs 13-17 speaks of not boasting about tomorrow. Why are we encouraged to not boast about tomorrow?
  - The Bible is not at all against planning. However, if we fail to keep in mind God's will for us, we ignore His rightful place as sovereign God.
- What other things, verses, words are you thinking about from James 4 other than what has already been discussed?
- Close your time in prayer
- CHALLENGE: Text or call at least 2 people (go for as many you want) this afternoon sometime and share with them one thing that you learned from James 4 today. If you have social media, consider putting what you learned on there, as well.
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SERMON NOTES: MAY 17, 2020

## **"When The Sparks Start To Fly"**

James 4:1-10, NIV84

### **1. THE CAUSE OF ARGUMENTS: \_\_\_\_\_.**

*"What causes fights and quarrels among you? Don't they come from your desires that battle within you?" (Jam.4:1)*

#### **TWO BIG DESIRES THAT CAUSE CONFLICT:**

##### **A. THE DESIRE TO \_\_\_\_\_.**

*"You want something, but don't get it." (Jam.4:2)*

*"God... richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment." (1Tim. 6:17b)*

##### **B. THE DESIRE TO \_\_\_\_\_.**

*"...that you may spend what you get on your pleasures." (Jam.4:3b)*

### **2. THE CURE FOR ARGUMENTS: \_\_\_\_\_.**

*"But He gives us more grace. That is why Scripture says: 'God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.' Humble yourselves before the Lord, and He will lift you up." b (Jam. 4:6, 10)*

#### **THE BIBLE'S DEFINITION OF GRACE:**

*God's grace is free, unearned favor, His compassion in action, and Heavenly power to change.*

***The only way to get His grace is to \_\_\_\_\_.***

#### **HOW TO DEFUSE A CONFLICT:**

You need to begin by \_\_\_\_\_ to the Lord!

*"Submit yourselves then to God ..." (Jam. 4:7a)*

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

## **“Are You People-Wise?” -- Parts 1 & 2**

James 3:13-18, NIV84

### **REAL WISDOM FOR REFRESHING RELATIONSHIPS**

#### SEVEN CHARACTERISTICS OF THE WISE:

*"But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere."*

James 3:17

#### **1. IF I'M WISE, I WON'T COMPROMISE MY INTEGRITY.**

*"The wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure..." (v.17)*

#### **2. IF I'M WISE, I WON'T ANTAGONIZE YOUR ANGER.**

*"Wisdom is ... peace loving." (v.17)*

#### **3. IF I'M WISE, I WON'T MINIMIZE YOUR FEELINGS.**

*"Wisdom is ... considerate." (v.17)*

#### **4. IF I'M WISE, I WON'T CRITICIZE YOUR SUGGESTIONS .**

*"Wisdom is ... submissive." (v.17)*

#### **5. IF I'M WISE, I WON'T EMPHASIZE YOUR MISTAKES.**

*"Wisdom is ... full of mercy and good fruit"*

#### **6. IF I'M WISE, I WON'T DISGUISE MY OWN WEAKNESSES .**

*"Wisdom is ... impartial and sincere"*

## *Holy Is The Lord*

We stand and lift up our hands  
For the joy of the Lord is our strength  
We bow down and worship Him now  
How great, how awesome is He

And together we sing, everyone sing

### *Chorus*

*Holy is the Lord God Almighty  
The earth is filled with His glory  
Holy is the Lord God Almighty  
The earth is filled with His glory  
The earth is filled with His glory*

It is rising up all around  
It's the anthem of the Lord's renown  
It is rising up all around  
It's the anthem of the Lord's renown

### *Chorus*

### *Ending*

Holy, Holy is the Lord Almighty  
Holy, Holy

*repeat*

## *Glory to God Forever*

### *Verse 1*

Before the world was made, Before You spoke it to be  
You were the King of Kings  
Yeah You were yeah You were  
And now You're reigning still enthroned above all things  
Angels and saints cry out, We join them as we sing

### *Chorus*

Glory to God  
Glory to God  
Glory to God forever (repeat)

### *Verse 2*

Creator God You gave me breath so I could praise  
Your great and matchless name  
All my days, all my days  
So let my whole life be a blazing offering  
A life that shouts and sings the greatness of our King

### *Chorus*

### *Bridge*

Take my life and let it be  
All for You and for Your glory  
Take my life and let it be Yours  
(repeat)

### *Chorus 2x*

## *Glorious Day*

One day when Heaven was filled with His praises  
One day when sin was as black as could be  
Jesus came forth to be born of a virgin  
Dwelt among men, my example is He  
Word became flesh and the light shined among us  
His glory revealed

### **Chorus**

*Living, He loved me  
Dying, He saved me  
Buried, He carried my sins far away  
Rising, He justified freely forever  
One day He's coming  
Oh glorious day, oh glorious day*

One day they led Him up Calvary's mountain  
One day they nailed Him to die on a tree  
Suffering anguish, despised and rejected  
Bearing our sins, my Redeemer is He  
Hands that healed nations, stretched out on a tree  
And took the nails for me

### **Chorus**

One day the grave could conceal Him no longer  
One day the stone rolled away from the door  
Then He arose, over death He had conquered  
Now He's ascended, my Lord evermore  
Death could not hold Him,  
the grave could not keep Him from rising again

### **Chorus**

One day the trumpet will sound for His coming  
One day the skies with His glories will shine  
Wonderful day, my Beloved One, bringing  
My Savior, Jesus, is mine

### **Chorus**

*Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)*

Amazing grace how sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost but now am found,  
Was blind but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
And grace my fears relieved;  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed!

*Chorus:*

*My Chains are gone I've been set free  
My God my Savior has ransomed me  
And like a flood His mercy reigns  
Unending love, Amazing Grace*

Thru many dangers, toils and snares  
I have already come;  
'Tis grace that brought me safe thus far,  
And grace will lead me home.

*Repeat Chorus*

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow  
The sun forbear to shine  
But God who called me here below  
Will be forever mine.

*Repeat Chorus*



### *More About Jesus*

More about Jesus would I know  
More of His grace to others show;  
More of His saving fullness see,  
More of His love who died for me

*Chorus:*

*More, more about Jesus.  
More, more about Jesus;  
More of His saving fullness see  
More of His love who died for me.*

More about Jesus let me learn,  
More of His holy will discern;  
Spirit of God, my teacher be  
Showing the things of Christ to me.

*Repeat Chorus*

More about Jesus in His Word,  
Holding communion with my Lord;  
Hearing His voice in every line,  
Making each faithful saying mine.

*Repeat Chorus*

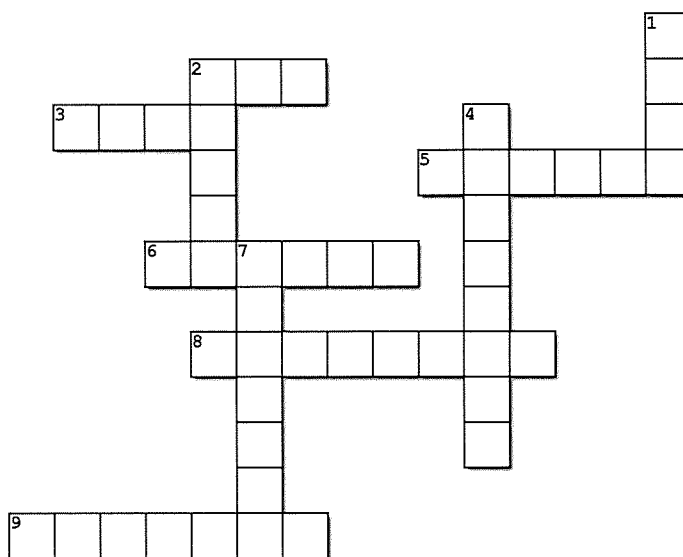


Draw near  
to God  
and He  
will draw  
near to you.

James 4:8

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Complete the crossword puzzle below



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**Across**

2. who is still at work in this present pandemic we are in?
3. the chapter we study today
5. \_\_\_\_\_ yourselves to God
6. \_\_\_\_\_ the devil
8. there is only one \_\_\_\_\_ and Judge
9. who did we celebrate last Sunday and who should we honor every day?

**Down**

1. we are a \_\_\_\_\_ that appears for awhile and then vanishes
2. what does God give to the humble?
4. what causes fights and \_\_\_\_\_ among you?
7. James commands us not to do this to one another, to make false accusations