

A Revival Of Our Hearts (#12)
“The Cure For Conflict”
Cornerstone Church Of Poway
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Big Idea: We need a revival in our hearts and homes that changes our lives.

Why Do We Have So Much Conflict?

- **Because Our Selfish Desires Wage War Against Our Relationships**

“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**.

James 4:1-3 (NIV)

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?” **James 4:4-5 (NIV)**

“So I say, let the Holy Spirit **guide** your lives. Then you won't be doing what your sinful nature craves. The sinful nature wants to do evil, which is just the opposite of what the Spirit wants. And the Spirit gives us desires that are the opposite of what the sinful nature desires. These two forces are constantly fighting each other, so you are not free to carry out your good intentions.” **Galatians 5:16-17 (NLT2)**

- **Because We Lack Humility In Our Relationships**

But he gives us more grace. That is why Scripture says:

"God **opposes** the proud but **gives grace** to the humble." **James 4:6 (NIV)**

We Show Humility When We:

1. _____ To God And _____ The Devil

⁷ **“Submit yourselves, then, to God.” James 4:7a (NIV)**

“Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.” James 4:7b (NIV)

Notes: _____

2. Routinely _____ To God

“Come near to God and He will come near to you.”

James 4:8a (NIV) Remember Verse

“I want to know Christ and experience the mighty power that raised him from the dead. I want to suffer with him, sharing in his death, so that one way or another I will experience the resurrection from the dead!” **Philippians 3:10-11 (NLT2)**

So let us come boldly to the throne of our gracious God. There we will receive his mercy, and we will find grace to help us when we need it most.”

Hebrews 4:16 (NLT2)

Notes: _____

3. Learn To _____

“**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.**”

James 4:8b-10 (NIV)

“But if we are **living** in the light, as God is in the light, then we have **fellowship with each other**, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, **cleanses us from all sin.**”

1 John 1:7 (NLT2)

Notes: _____

➤ **Where Do I Need To Show Humility?**

My next right step, I will:

- [] Create a routine of devotion to God
- [] Surrender my selfish desires to God
- [] Change my behavior from, “I’m sorry” to asking for forgiveness
- [] Ask Jesus to be my Lord and Savior

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Family Corner: [Choose one day this week to ask questions to go deeper in faith as a family. Try this over dinner. Keep it to 12 minutes or less.]

Small Groups: [Choose as many questions that honor your group’s time commitment]

Open in Prayer:

- What thoughts from this week’s message encourage me to live like Jesus?

Icebreaker: Who did you quarrel most while growing up?
What purchase is high on your “wish list”?

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“Come close to God, and God will come close to you.” **James 4:8a (NLT2)**

Remember Verse

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Read James 4:1-3

What does James say is the root cause of our fights and quarrels?

How do you respond when you don’t get what you want?

What are most of your prayers about?

If you were to evaluate your prayers, how much are about your wants and needs compared to the needs of people around you?

Read James 4:4-5

What does James mean when he says, “friendship with the world is hatred toward God”?

What does the Holy Spirit envies intensely mean?

Read Galatians 5:16-17

Have you ever felt that you were a lesser Christian because you struggle with temptation? How does this passage put things into perspective?

What helps you to follow the Holy Spirit?

- **Because We Lack Humility In Our Relationships**

Read James 4:6

What do you learn about pride and humility?

We Show Humility When We:

1. Surrender To God And Resist The Devil

James 4:7a

How is submitting to God and resisting the devil connected?

2. Routinely Draw Close To God

Read James 4:8a

What is your routine to stay close to God?

Read Philippians 3:10-11

What do you learn about Paul's desire? What can you do to increase your desire to know Jesus?

Read Hebrews 4:16

What is the promise in this verse? Where do you need more grace and mercy?

3. Learn To Ask For Forgiveness

Read James 4:8b-10

When you offend someone, do you normally ask for forgiveness or say that you are sorry? What is the difference between the two?

Where do you need to have your heart purified?

What is God's promise?

Read 1 John 1:7

How does our relationship with God affect our relationship with each other?

Close in Prayer: Start praying. Be bold and pray specifically.

Life Application Study Bible. James 4:7-10 How can you come close to God? James gives five ways: (1) *Humble yourselves before God* (4:7). Yield to his authority and will, commit your life to him and his control, and be willing to follow him. (2) *Resist the devil* (4:7). Don't allow Satan to entice and tempt you. (3) *Wash your hands... and purify your hearts* (that is, lead a pure life) (4:8). Be cleansed from sin, replacing your desire to sin with your desire to experience God's purity. (4) *Let there be sorrow and deep grief* for your sins (4:9). Don't be afraid to express deep heartfelt sorrow for what you have done. (5) *Humble yourselves before the Lord*, and he will lift you up in honor (4:10; 1 Peter 5:6).