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Worship Service
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JAMES: Real Faith, Real Life

Lesson Seventeen • James 4:1-6

Conflict Among You

What Causes Conflict?

“What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you?”
James 4:1

Conflict Among You

1. The Underlying Cause Is Selfish PASSIONS!

Conflict Among Us

The conflict among us is a result of selfish passions at WAR within us (vs. 1).

War Within Us

- Uncontrolled DESIRE: “You desire and do not have, so you murder. You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel” (vs. 2).
- Unanswered PRAYER: “You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions” (vs. 2-3).

2. The Shocking Charge Is Spiritual ADULTERY!

Conflict with God

- Friendship with the world makes us an ENEMY of God (vs. 4).
- But the JEALOUSY of God longs for us to return to Him (vs. 5).

3. The Healing Cure Is More GRACE!

Remedy of God

God gives grace to the HUMBLE who are willing to repent of their sin and draw near to Him (vs. 6, 8).

Two Ways to Live, But Only One Way Works

There’s the WORLD’S way of selfish ambition, causing conflict with people and God; and there’s GOD’S way of humble repentance, leading to peace with God and peace with people.

Make Your Choice

Will you live with selfish passions or godly passions?
Will you pursue friendship with the world or friendship with God?
Will you invite God’s opposition or receive God’s grace?

There’s no third option; we’re either friends with the world or friends with God—
we cannot pursue both.