Resolving Conflict God's Way—Part 2
("Spiritual Adultery")
James 4:4–6

1. What stood out to you most from Sunday's sermon? Was there anything that particularly encouraged, challenged, or convicted you?

2. **Read James 4:1–4.** Last week we learned that our conflicts often stem from our own sinful and selfish desires. How does seeking our own way instead of God's way contribute to conflicts with others?

3. **Read James 4:4.** James calls his readers "adulteresses." What does he mean by spiritual adultery, and why does he use such strong language?

4. James uses some very strong words to confront the sin of his readers. **Read Proverbs 27:5–6.** Why is it sometimes necessary to confront someone directly about their sin? How can we do this in a loving and humble way?

5. **Read James 4:4 again.** James says that friendship with the world is hostility toward God. What does it mean to be a "friend of the world"? Why can't we be friends with both the world and God?

6. **Read 1 John 2:15–17.** What are some ways Christians today can become too attached to the world without even realizing it? What are some warning signs we should watch for in our own lives?

7. **Read Jeremiah 2:13 and Psalm 16:11.** Why do we sometimes look to the things of this world for happiness and satisfaction instead of finding our joy in God? What are some things that we can do to help us change?

8. **Read James 4:5 and Exodus 20:3–5.** In the sermon we learned that God desires our complete love and devotion. What are some things that can compete with God for first place in our hearts?

9. **Read James 4:6.** James says, "God is opposed to the proud, but gives grace to the humble." Why is pride such a serious sin, and how does it affect our relationships with God and others?

10. **Read James 4:6 again.** God promises to give greater grace to the humble. Is there an area of your life where you've been seeking your own way instead of God's? What specific changes do you need to make to humble yourself and become more faithful to Him?