



HE GIVES MORE GRACE

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BIG IDEA

Conflict grows when good desires become ruling desires. James calls us to humble ourselves, submit to God, resist the enemy, and draw near to the One who gives more grace.

READ TOGETHER

James 4:1-12 | Notice the desires, loyalties, commands, and promises in the passage.

INTO THE SERMON

LOOK BACK AT SUNDAY

- 1 What idea, phrase, or illustration from Sunday's sermon stayed with you most? What made it memorable?
- 2 Pastor Sam said the war outside us begins with the war inside us. How did the sermon trace conflict back to desires that have become ruling desires?

INTO THE TEXT

OPEN JAMES 4

- 1 Read James 4:1-3. What causes quarrels according to James? How can desire distort both relationships and prayer?
- 2 Read verses 4-6. What does friendship with the world reveal about divided loyalty? Why is 'he gives more grace' the hinge of the passage?

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FOLLOW THE RESPONSE

- 3 Read verses 7-10. List the commands and promises. What does humble repentance look like in these verses?
- 4 Read verses 11-12. How does speaking evil or judging a neighbor put us in the wrong seat? Who alone is Lawgiver and Judge?

APPLICATION

RUN TOWARD GRACE

- 1 What good gift or desire can quietly become something we believe we must have to be okay? How can we recognize when it has become a ruling desire?
- 2 The sermon said Christianity is not merely staying out of darkness but running toward the light. What practices help us draw near to God instead of hiding when we sin?

THIS WEEK

CHOOSE ONE

- Read James 4:1-12 twice and circle every command and promise in verses 7-10.
- Name one ruling desire before God and ask how it has shaped your choices or conflicts.
- Practice James 4:7-8: submit one decision to God, resist one temptation, and draw near in prayer.
- Confess one sin to God and a trusted believer rather than hiding or trying to fix yourself first.

MEMORY VERSE / JAMES 4:6

"But he gives more grace. Therefore it says, God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble."