

Sermon Questions: James 4 Surrender 4/16/2023

- 1. In James 4:1-4, was James exaggerating when he states that believers were filled with evil desires, being jealous of one another and fighting and killing on another?
- 2. Although Abab was an evil king of Israel, we can agree at least he knew how to surrender. How does his statement of surrender ("All that I am and all that I have is yours") apply to us today regarding the principle of surrendering to God?
- 3. When Jesus prayed, "Father, not my will but Yours be done," He was showing us that simultaneously we can have our own will but still be surrendered to God. Have there been times in your life where you have surrendered to God's will when it was different from your own?
- 4. What did Jesus mean when He said that believers must "take up their cross daily"?
- 5. Do you think your fleshly carnal nature has caused more trouble for you than the devil has?
- 6. Can you relate to Paul's statement in Romans 7:18, "I want to do what is right, but I can't"?
- 7. What did you think of the statement, "Trying is flesh, yielding is spiritual," how have the concepts of 'trying harder' or 'yielding to God" been a part of your walk with God?
- 8. When we surrender something to God, does He take it away from us? Do you agree that surrendering something is like "giving God access" that something?
- 9. What did you think of the statement "There are seasons in life when it's not about the journey. It's about trusting the Person who's with us on the journey"? How are the concepts of 'surrendering to God' and 'trusting in God' related?