



James 4:1-12 (NIV)

¹ What causes fights and quarrels among you? Don't they come from your desires that battle within you? ² You desire but do not have, so you kill. You covet but you cannot get what you want, so you quarrel and fight. You do not have because you do not ask God. ³ When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures.

⁴ You adulterous people, don't you know that friendship with the world means enmity against God? Therefore, anyone who chooses to be a friend of the world becomes an enemy of God. ⁵ Or do you think Scripture says without reason that he jealously longs for the spirit he has caused to dwell in us? ⁶ But he gives us more grace. That is why Scripture says: "God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble."

⁷ Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ⁸ Come near to God and he will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. ⁹ Grieve, mourn and wail. Change your laughter to mourning and your joy to gloom. ¹⁰ Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up.

¹¹ Brothers and sisters, do not slander one another. Anyone who speaks against a brother or sister or judges them speaks against the law and judges it. When you judge the law, you are not keeping it, but sitting in judgment on it. ¹² There is only one Lawgiver and Judge, the one who is able to save and destroy. But you—who are you to judge your neighbor?

**Basic Training: How To's for Living for God
in the Real World**

How to Stop Fighting

James 4:1-12

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Big Idea: In conflict, _____ says, "I know best," but _____ says, "God knows best."

THREE TOOLS TO START A WAR IN YOUR RELATIONSHIPS:

The First Tool: _____ Others (vs 1-3)

The Second Tool: _____ Others (vs 4-5)

The Third Tool: _____ Others (vs 11-12)

WHAT IS THE RIGHT TOOL: _____ (vs 6-10)

THREE QUESTIONS TO DISCERN IF I'M PRACTICING HUMILITY IN CONFLICT:

Am I _____ grace and forgiveness? (vs 6-8)

Am I taking _____ for my part in the conflict? (v 9)

Am I _____ to restore the relationship? (v 10)

APPLYING IT TO OUR LIVES:

Practice Humility by _____ Jesus.

Practice Humility by taking a _____ before responding.

LIFE GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

For the week of March 23 - 28

1. Share a DIY project that didn't turn out as you expected. What went wrong?

SERMON OVERVIEW

2. Reflect on the sermon. Was there an idea or expression that resonated with you, or was there anything said that challenged or confused you?

DIGGING IN: Read James 4:1-12

3. How would you summarize James' message in a short phrase or single sentence?
4. James emphasizes the word "you" or "your" sixteen times (vs 1-3). What do you think James is trying to teach us about how conflict often starts within ourselves rather than blaming the other person? How can this perspective shift change the way we approach conflict?
5. How often do unmet desires or selfishness contribute to the fights or tensions you experience?
6. James tells us that God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble. How does humility help to de-escalate a conflict?
7. What does it look like to resist the devil in a conflict by avoiding the temptation to blame others, tune them out, or judge them, and instead practice humility?
8. How can we show humility when we are in conflict with someone?

FULL LIFE GROWTH PLAN

9. What progress have you made with your spiritual growth plan over the past week?

APPLYING IT

10. Looking at the teachings from James 4:1-12, what is one action step you can take to stop fighting in a specific relationship?

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LIFEHOUSE HIGHLIGHTS

Coffee Connect: Sunday, TODAY, 15 minute connect with a pastor after each service to meet, greet and enjoy a free tasty treat.

Men’s Retreat: Sign up today. Men in HD at the Woodleaf Retreat Center May 2, 5pm - May 4, 12pm. An opportunity for fellowship, teaching, encouragement and spiritual growth as well as volleyball, basketball, skeet ball, table shuffle, pool table and maybe even a nap. Cost \$229. Questions: Zach@thelifehousechurch.com

Mexico Mission Trip: Sunday, March 23, 12:15-1:15 PM in the Coffee House. Learn how you can be part of a life-changing mission trip to Ensenada, Mexico, bringing hope to the unsheltered and elderly through service and fellowship.

Child Dedication Class: Sunday, April 6, this class is the first step towards one of the most important milestones in a child’s life.

Mother’s Day Child Dedication: Sunday, May 11, both services. Child Dedication is a time to celebrate parents’ commitment to raising their children in a God-honoring way.

Kid’s Ministry Sundays: 9:30 and 10:45am, Kids nursery - 5th grade, kids join us in the Kid’s Wing for a safe, age-appropriate fun, creative, engaging Bible Lesson.

Middle School Sunday Service: 9:30am in the Student Room. 6th through 8th graders; come and join the fun!

Student Ministry Wednesday Gathering: 6:30 - 8:00pm in the Student Room. 6th-8th and 9th-12th graders; come and join in the games, worship, and lessons.

Young Adults: Tuesdays, 7 - 8:30pm at the Vasquez home. For more information, contact CJ@TheLifehouseChurch.com.

AA Recovery Group, "Grace Abounds" on Thursday from 6:30pm - 7:30pm at Lifehouse.



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