

# ALL-OUT WAR

## JAMES 4:1-10

### Sermon Questions

1. Are fights necessary sometimes? Yes/No
2. James addresses a lack of \_\_\_\_\_ in the church.

### Anatomy of a Conflict (vv. 1-5)

3. The root cause of conflicts is conflicting \_\_\_\_\_.
4. When you are in conflict you should ask: What am I \_\_\_\_\_?
5. When we have desires we should \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 2-3).
6. At root, when we are ruled with sinful desires, it shows a \_\_\_\_\_ adultery (v. 4).
7. In conflict and anger we should ask 4 questions:
  - i. What am I \_\_\_\_\_?
  - ii. Is that a \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ desire?
  - iii. Am I \_\_\_\_\_ God about it?
  - iv. What is my \_\_\_\_\_ captured by?

### God's Jealousy and Grace in Conflict (vv. 5-6)

8. The Lord God is a \_\_\_\_\_ God (Exodus 20:5).
9. Christ is a \_\_\_\_\_ husband (2 Corinthians 11:2).
10. Another question to ask in conflict is: Is \_\_\_\_\_ enough for you?
11. God opposes the \_\_\_\_\_ but gives grace to the \_\_\_\_\_.

### The Way out of Conflict (vv. 7-10)

12. We can summarize what James says about the way out under three headings:
  - i. \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 7)
  - ii. \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 8)
  - iii. \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ (vv. 9-10)
13. List the great and precious promises in this passage: \_\_\_\_\_  
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## **Discussion Questions**

1. James explains that the heart of conflicts really has to do with our desires and the status of our relationship with God. Are there any conflicts in your family life, marriage, or church life right now? Can you trace out the roots of it by using the questions mentioned in the sermon: (1) What am I wanting? (2) Is that a good or sinful desire? (3) Am I asking God about it? (4) What is my heart captured by? (5) Is Christ enough for me?
2. Do you tend to have recurring arguments and fights due to the same root desire? How does this passage in James call you to get more serious about that? Have you really humbled yourself and drawn near to God for cleansing?
3. Using the principles of this passage, what can you do to prevent fights from springing up in your life?

## **Discussion Questions for Children**

1. Are you having fights with your siblings recently? What are you wanting that makes you fight with them?
2. Do you bring God all your desires in prayer? Do you know that God hears your prayers, and you can pray to him at any time?
3. When your parents lead you to repent after you are angry and fighting, do you know you can personally come near to God, with the promise that he will come near to you and give you more grace?