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What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you? Is it not this, that your passions are at war within you? You desire and do not have, so you murder. You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions.

You adulterous people! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God. Or do you suppose it is to no purpose that the Scripture says, “He yearns jealously over the spirit that he has made to dwell in us”? But he gives more grace. Therefore it says, “God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.”

Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. Be wretched and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.

WAR AND GRACE

James 4:1-10

Life is a battlefield. God's grace is our only hope.

LIFE IS A BATTLEFIELD

James 4:1-3

WE ARE SAVED BY GRACE

James 4:4

WE ARE PURSUED BY GRACE

James 4:5-6

WE ARE CHANGED BY GRACE

James 4:7-10

FOR REFLECTION AND REPENTANCE

- What desires are at war right now in my heart?
- What wars have I created with other followers of Jesus?
- How have I displaying 'relationship amnesia'—forgetting that I'm permanently united to Jesus?
- Where is God pursuing me by His grace?
- How can I grow in regularly celebrating God's grace?



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