

WANT WARS 2

James 4:7-10

What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you? Is it not this, that your passions are at war within you? (4:1)

In the midst of conflict...

- You _____ something. (2-3)
desiring, coveting, asking wrongly
- You _____ something. (4)

How do you know what you really want ... worship?

- When do you _____ (avoid, escape, withdraw)?
- When do you _____ (fear, worry, despair)?
- When do you _____ (anger, frustration, simmer)?

George and Amy

- What does George seem to want?
- What does George seem to worship?
- What is God doing in their conflict?
 - yearning for _____
 - offering _____

What does humility look like?

True humility...

1. _____ toward _____ (7-8a) – faith

- *“submit yourselves therefore to God”*
submit =
- *“resist the devil, and he will flee from you”*
resist =
- *“draw near to God, and he will draw near to you”*

So let God work his will in you. Yell a loud *no* to the devil and watch him scamper. Say a quiet *yes* to God, and he'll be there in no time.

The Message

2. turns from _____ (8b-9) – repentance

- *“Cleanse your hands, you sinners.”*
- *“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.” (10)

- Do you see the connection between your cravings and conflicts? (4:1-3)
- Can you trace your wants back to your worship? (4:4)
- Do you see God's posture toward you in the midst of your infidelity? (4:5-6)
- Are you seeing conflict as an invitation from God to believe and repent? (4:7-10)