



Title: Faith That Submits to God"

Read: James 4:1–12

1. Opening Question : When you were younger, how did you usually handle conflict—with others or authority? Has that changed over time?

2. Digging Into the Text

- According to verses 1–3, what does James say is the root cause of our conflicts and quarrels? How have selfish desires impacted your relationships in the past?
- James uses strong language in verse 4: **“You adulterous people!”** What is he getting at when he talks about friendship with the world being hatred toward God? In what ways can we unknowingly become “friends of the world”?
- Read verse 6: What does this verse teach us about God’s character and what He values?
- What does humility before God look like in practical terms?

3. Application & Reflection

- James gives very practical instructions in verses 7–10: submit, resist, draw near, cleanse, grieve, and humble yourself. Which of these stands out most to you right now, and why?
- What is the hardest step for you personally?
- What are some practical ways you can submit to God this week?
- Take a few minutes to reflect: What do you truly value?

Examine your attitude and actions toward others this week: Are you building people up or tearing them down? Are your words critical or gracious?

Close in prayer together.