

Series Title:

“Tightening The Knot”

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“Why We Hurt The Ones We Love”

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Sermon Text:

James 4:1-10



Introduction:

**I. The Source Of Conflict** (4:1-3)

**A. It starts with our selfish passions** (vv. 1-2a)

**B. It is seen in our** \_\_\_\_\_ (vv. 2b-3)

- There are three implications:

**1. Your prayer life, or lack thereof, reveals the** \_\_\_\_\_ **of your** \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 2b)

- The focus of a person who doesn't pray is always toward \_\_\_\_\_, not toward \_\_\_\_\_.

**2. In order to receive from God, we have to** \_\_\_\_\_ **with the** \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 3a)

- The main reason why you should pray for peace is so that God would be \_\_\_\_\_!

**3. If you pray selfishly, it shows that you are trying to use God for** \_\_\_\_\_ **purposes rather than seeking** \_\_\_\_\_ **purposes** (v. 3b)

- Prayer is not so that \_\_\_\_\_ can use \_\_\_\_\_ - it's so that \_\_\_\_\_ can use \_\_\_\_\_!

**II. The** \_\_\_\_\_ **For Conflict** (4:4-10)

- Here is James' time-tested course of action:

**1. To resolve conflicts, you must** \_\_\_\_\_ **from all forms of spiritual** \_\_\_\_\_ (vv. 4-5)

- All relational conflicts are rooted in a \_\_\_\_\_ - and the problem is that the two in question are not in a right relationship with the living God!

**2. To resolve conflicts, you must** \_\_\_\_\_ **plead for God's** \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 6)

- If you are in conflict in your marriage relationship, then consider the shocking possibility that you are living for \_\_\_\_\_!

**3. To resolve conflicts, you must** \_\_\_\_\_ **yourself to** \_\_\_\_\_ (vv. 7a, 8, 10)

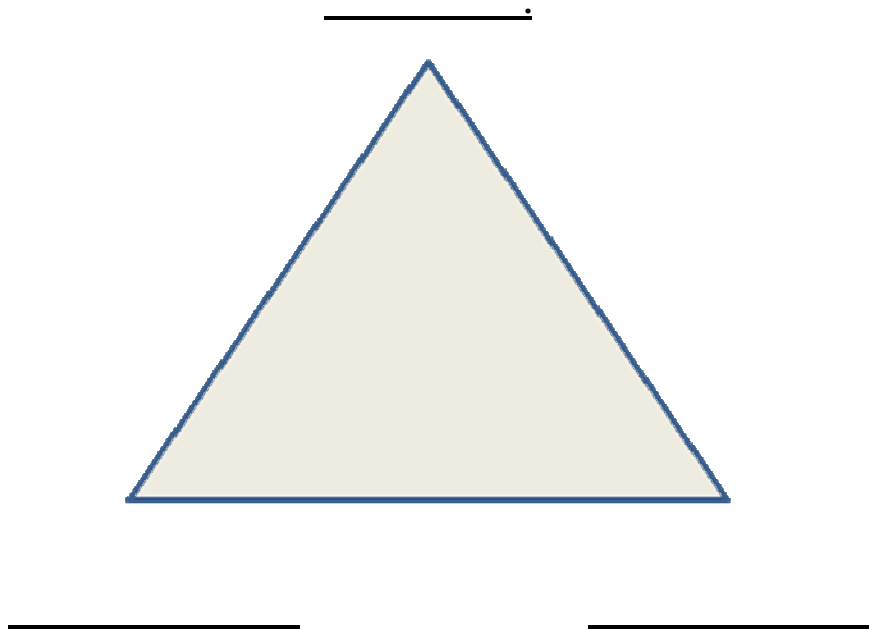
*“If you are involved in continuing conflicts and quarrels, then you are not close to God!”*

**4. To resolve conflicts, you must** \_\_\_\_\_ **the** \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 7)

- The Greek word translated “resist” means “to stand \_\_\_\_\_ or to \_\_\_\_\_.”
- 5. To resolve conflicts, you must \_\_\_\_\_ of all \_\_\_\_\_. (vv. 8-9)
- Psalm 51:17; Psalm 34:18

**Conclusion:**

**The Relationship  
Triangle**



***Don't sit passively and wait for resolution in a conflict to happen spontaneously, because it won't!***

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Remember, it is your responsibility to make the divine principles and truths contained in this message real by consistent application of them in your own life.