

# Grace-Based Marriage: Conflict

May 31, 2009 James 4:1-10

## Introduction

What should we do when we are in a fight?

One web site said fights are helpful as long as you fight fair.

But it's not that easy; there's deeper issues; as James tells us in James 4:1-10.

## What causes quarrels and fights? (v.1-2)

Quarrels and fights are caused by frustration over unfulfilled desires.

## Why are we frustrated over unfulfilled desires? (v.2-3)

Because we lack God-centered prayer.

## Why have we lacked God-centered prayer? (vv.4-6)

Because we have adulterous hearts.

## What can we do? (vv.7-10)

Submit 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, purify your hearts ...

Humble yourselves before the Lord, and He will exalt you.



## **HOME GROUP DISCUSSION OF SUNDAY'S TEACHING**

Read James 4:1-10.

What was the Holy Spirit saying to you Sunday through this passage?

What questions, ideas, objections, encouragements did you come away with?

Have you thought that fighting could be good for your marriage? Why or why not?

What's the difference between fighting and disagreeing?

What are some unfulfilled desires over which you've been frustrated?

How much has your prayer not been God-centered? What can you do to change that?

What are some ways you've recently experienced God drawing near to you?

Which of the steps listed in vv.7-10 were most meaningful to you? Why?

What's your take-away from this passage? What are you going to do differently? When?

Share prayer requests that come up in the discussion, jot them down below, and pray for each other.

