

**When The War Is Within**  
**James 4:1-10 NLT / March 8, 2026**  
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**The Change Starts In Here Before Out There**

James writes to church people, reminding us that transformation in the world begins with transformation in our hearts and our church.

**Quarrels and Fights (v.1)**

Conflict among believers reveals something deeper than disagreement. The real issue isn't the argument—it's the appetite underneath it.

**The War Within (vv.1–3)**

“The war around us is fueled by the war within us.”

Disordered desires (hedone) take good things and turn them into ultimate things, leading to jealousy, conflict, and destruction.

**Divided Loyalty (v.4)**

Friendship with the world means aligning with a value system that tries to live independently of God—and that leads to spiritual infidelity.

**God's Megas Grace (vv.5–6)**

Even when our hearts wander, God longs for us and gives more grace.

“God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.”

**The Way Back: Repentance (vv.7–9)**

Submit to God. Resist the devil. Draw near to God.

Repentance is not a one-time moment—it's the rhythm of the Christian life.

**The Promise (v.10)**

When we humble ourselves before the Lord, He lifts us up *in honor*.