

## 8/19/18 | James 4: Dealing with Problems

*"Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up."*

—James 4:10 | NIV



### DISCUSSION

1. Have you ever been torn between two decisions? What happened?
2. Have you ever wrestled with two conflicting desires (good and bad) at the same time? Explain.
3. In each case, what did you use to make your choice?
4. What stuck out to you from the sermon and James 4 this week?

### Of Two Minds

5. Compare James 4:1 and Romans 7:14-25. What are the conflicting desires within a believer?
6. Compare James 4:1-12 and Galatians 5:16-18. What can a believer do when struggling with sin? What other verses support these strategies?
7. How similar are the messages from James and Paul (author of Galatians and Romans)?

### Tearing Down and Building Up

8. What does Galatians 5:13-14 command? Who is Paul talking to? What is the warning in verse 15? How have you seen believers tear each other apart? What can we do?

9. Read Romans 13:8-14. What is the purpose of loving our neighbor?
10. How can we love our neighbor?
11. What does love have to do with James 4, the sermon, and our conflicting desires? How does the study this week influence you?
12. Is it possible for a believer to resist the desire of their sinful nature? Is the believer actually in control, or are our warring desires in control? (Consider the above verses plus Colossians 3:5-10 and 1 John 3:4-9 and 1 Corinthians 10:13 and Romans 6 and Ephesians 2:1-5.)

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