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[1] What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you? Is it not this, that your passions are at war within you? [2] You desire and do not have, so you murder. You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel. You do not have, because you do not ask. [3] You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions. [4] You adulterous people! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God. [5] Or do you suppose it is to no purpose that the Scripture says, "He yearns jealously over the spirit that he has made to dwell in us"? [6] But he gives more grace. Therefore it says, "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble." [7] Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. [8] Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. [9] Be wretched and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. [10] Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.

[11] Do not speak evil against one another, brothers. The one who speaks against a brother or judges his brother, speaks evil against the law and judges the law. But if you judge the law, you are not a doer of the law but a judge. [12] There is only one lawgiver and judge, he who is able to save and to destroy. But who are you to judge your neighbor?
-James 4:1-12

1. Know Jesus

What does Jesus want you know about Himself in this passage?
What does this passage reveal about the character of the Trinity?

2. Love Jesus

How do these truths about Jesus stir you to love, treasure and savor Jesus more?

3. Live for Jesus

What is Jesus telling you to do, believe or change?
What are you going to do about it?

Review & Apply

1. What is the real reason you fight and quarrel with others?
2. What is the solution to your fighting and quarrelling? (vs. 6)
3. If grace from God is the key to stopping your fights and quarrels, what are the "humility ingredients" to getting more grace? (vs. 7-9)
4. Which one of the "humility ingredients" can you seek to apply to the next fight or quarrel you have?
5. Meditate and celebrate that in the middle of your spiritual adultery "*He gives more grace*"!