



Hebrews 10:19-25

Introduction

1. Faith Works when we _____ . (v 22)

2. Faith Works as we _____ . (v 23)

3. Faith Works as we _____ . (v 24-25)

DAY 1

Pray: Hebrews 4:16 says, “Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.” As you open this time in prayer, please thank the Lord for His mercy and grace, and ask Him to help you as you learn from this passage.

Memorize: James 4:7 says, “Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.” Please repeat the verse several times, stressing a different word each time.

Study: Please read James 4:1-12. Today we will focus on vs. 1-3.

1. Think of a disagreement you had with someone recently.

a. What were the circumstances? _____

b. What thoughts came to mind during the disagreement? _____

c. What did you do in response? _____

d. What were you hoping to accomplish? _____

e. How did it turn out? _____

2. Please read Galatians 5:19-21. What works of the flesh are listed? _____

3. From the list of the works of the flesh in Galatians 5, what characteristics were evident in your heart during your disagreement? _____

4. How do the passions at war within you show themselves in your life?
- a. In your thoughts? _____

 - b. In your family? _____

 - c. In your friendships? _____

 - d. In your working relationships? _____

5. 1 Peter 2:11 says “Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul.”
- a. Why do you think God wants us to abstain from those things? _____

 - b. What hinders you from abstaining from those things? _____

6. From James 4:2, what are our motives for conflicts with people?
- a. _____
 - b. _____
7. From James 4:2-3, what are the reasons we don’t have what we want?
- a. _____
 - b. _____
8. Think of something you’ve asked God for and it seems His answer has been no:
- a. What is it? _____

- b. How might your motivation be to spend it on your own passions even if it's a good thing? _____

9. From the following verses, for what other reasons might God say no?
- a. Isaiah 48:17-18 _____

- b. Romans 5:3-5 _____

- c. Romans 8:28-29 _____

- d. 2 Thessalonians 3:3 _____

Pray: Please close this time in prayer, confessing to the Lord any passion that you have been allowing to have preeminence over Him.

DAY 2

Pray: Ephesians 1:3 says "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places." As you open this time in prayer, please ask the Lord to show you His blessing in this passage.

Memorize: Please fill in the blanks: James 4:7: _____ yourselves therefore to _____. _____ the devil, and he _____ flee _____ you.

Study Please read James 4:1-12. Today we'll focus on vs. 4-6.

1. How would you define "spiritual adultery?" _____

2. Please read 1 John 2:15-17. Please list and give an example for the 3 characteristics of loving the world:

a. _____ Example: _____

b. _____ Example: _____

c. _____ Example: _____

3. From your examples in Q#2, how are those things against the things of God?

4. Can you think of any area of your life that you have acted as an enemy of God? What draws you to that rather than to God? _____

5. Please look up the following verses about God's jealousy and write what you learn:

a. Exodus 34:14 _____

b. Deuteronomy 32:16 _____

c. Psalm 78:58 _____

d. 2 Corinthians 11:2 _____

6. 2 Corinthians 11:2 says that God is jealous *for* you. What is the difference between being jealous *for* someone and being jealous *of* someone? _____

7. Please explain what it means that He "yearns" for us. _____

8. The Greek word for Grace is "Charis." It means: *Grace, particularly that which causes joy, pleasure, gratification, favor, acceptance, for a kindness granted or desired, a benefit, thanks, gratitude. A favor done without expectation of return; the absolutely free expression of the*

*loving kindness of God to men finding its only motive in the bounty and benevolence of the Giver; unearned and unmerited favor.*¹ In light of the definition of grace, please share your response to

vs. 6, "But He gives more grace." _____

9. How would a proud person respond to God's grace? _____

10. How would a humble person respond to God's grace? _____

11. What evidence of God's grace have you seen in your life? _____

Pray: Please close this time in prayer. Please thank the Lord for His grace and confess any ways that you have chosen the things of the world over Him. Ask Him for His grace to help you live Psalm 119:36-37, "Incline my heart to Your testimonies and not to selfish gain; turn my eyes from looking at worthless things and give me life in Your ways."

DAY 3

Pray: In John 10:10, Jesus says, "The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly." As you open this time in prayer, please ask the Lord to show you His abundant life that He has for you.

Memorize: Please fill in the blanks: James ____:____ Submit _____ therefore to _____ the _____, and _____ will _____ from _____.

¹ Zodhiates, S. (2000). *The complete word study dictionary: New Testament* (electronic ed.). Chattanooga, TN: AMG Publishers.

Study: Please read James 4:1-12. Today we'll focus on vs. 7-8a.

1. In verse 7, what's the "therefore" there for? _____

2. From vs. 7-8a, please list the three commands and explain what they mean:

a. _____

Definition: _____

b. _____

Definition: _____

c. _____

Definition: _____

3. From vs. 7-8a, please list the two promises given and the significance of those promises:

a. _____

Significance: _____

b. _____

Significance: _____

4. Why do you think the command to submit to God comes before the command to resist the devil? _____

5. In the following areas of your life, please give an example of what submission to God looks like:

a. Conflict with your spouse or a close family member: _____

b. Seeking new opportunities: _____

c. Response when things don't go the way you wanted: _____

6. What hinders you from submitting to God? _____

7. Please compare James 4:7 with Luke 4:1-13. How did Jesus model James 4:7 for us?

8. Please notice Luke 4:13. It says the devil left Jesus until an opportune time. How does this help you set your expectations when you submit to God and resist the devil?

9. Why do you think God wants you to draw near to Him *before* He draws near to you?

10. What is the difference between God's steadfast love and sacrifice, and His drawing near to you?

Pray: Please close this time in prayer, telling the Lord what you learned today and how you will respond to what you learned.

DAY 4

Pray: Isaiah 57:15 says "For thus says the One who is high and lifted up, who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy: 'I dwell in the high and holy place, and also with him who is of a contrite and lowly spirit, to revive the spirit of the lowly, and to revive the heart of the contrite.'" As you open this time in prayer, please humble yourself before the Lord and ask Him to revive your spirit and your heart.

Memorize: James 4:7. Please unscramble the words:

You submit from yourselves flee therefore will to he God and resist devil the

Study: Please read James 4:1-12. Today we will focus on James 4:8b-10.

James 4:8b-10 in the ESV says, “Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. Be wretched and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. Humble yourselves before the Lord, and He will exalt you.”

1. Please list the commands that James gives in these verses:
 - a. C _____
 - b. P _____
 - c. B _____
 - d. M _____
 - e. W _____
 - f. L _____
 - g. J _____
 - h. H _____
2. Please look back at vs. 1-4. Why is James telling these believers to weep and mourn and do all of these things? _____

3. Please read 2 Corinthians 7:9-10. What is the difference between godly grief and worldly grief?

4. For an example of worldly grief, please read Matthew 27:3-5. Why was it worldly grief and not godly grief? _____

5. For an example of godly grief, please read 2 Samuel 12:1-9 and Psalm 51:1-12. (David wrote this Psalm after Nathan confronted him.) How is this an example of godly grief?

6. In the following examples, how would a person respond in godly grief and how would a person respond in worldly grief?
 - a. A woman has been texting someone other than her husband and getting emotionally connected. Her husband finds the texts. How does she respond in...

i. Godly grief? _____

ii. Worldly grief? _____

b. A woman has been frustrated because someone else has material things that she wants. She reads Hebrews 13:5 that says, "Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have, for He has said, 'I will never leave you or forsake you.'"

How does she respond in...

i. Godly grief? _____

ii. Worldly grief? _____

c. What situation in your life has you struggling with wrong motives or wrong responses?

i. How would it look for you to respond in godly grief? _____

ii. How will it look for you to respond in worldly grief? _____

7. From James 4:10, what is the promise given for those who humble themselves?

8. James 4:6 says, "God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble." Why do you think God opposes the proud? _____

9. Please share an example that you have experienced or observed in which God lifted up a person who had humbled himself/herself. _____

10. Why is it better for us to let God exalt us rather than us exalting ourselves?

11. How does this command directly oppose the teaching of the world? (Please refer back to vs. 4 to understand the magnitude of this command.) _____

Pray: Please close this time in prayer, telling the Lord what you learned from this passage and what you will apply to your life.

DAY 5

Pray: Romans 15:5-6 says, “May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.” As you open this time in prayer, please thank the Lord that He is the God of endurance and encouragement, and ask Him to help you to live in harmony with others so that you can bring Him glory.

Memorize: Please quote James 4:7 from memory.

Study: Please read James 4:1-12. Today we’ll focus on vs. 11-12.

1. What is the command given in vs. 11? _____

2. What is the reason given for the command in vs. 11? _____

3. What do the following scriptures say about how we treat others?
 - a. Matthew 22:37-40 _____

 - b. Matthew 7:3-5 _____

 - c. Matthew 7:12 _____

 - d. Ephesians 4:29-32 _____

4. Please think of a time you spoke evil against someone else (either to the person or about the person).
 - a. What was motivating your words? _____

 - b. What were the results? _____

 - c. How did you feel afterwards? _____

5. How is speaking evil against a brother judging the law? For example, if God's law says, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself," and you speak against your neighbor, how is that judging the law? _____

6. Please compare James 4:11c, "But if you judge the law, you are not a doer of the law but a judge," with James 1:22-25.
 - a. From James 1:22, how are we deceiving ourselves if we speak evil against a brother?

 - b. From James 1:25, what components protect us from judging the law?

7. Please compare James 4:12 with Matthew 10:28. Why does James say that we have no right to judge our neighbor? _____

8. When are you most likely to judge another person? _____

9. Looking back over James 4:1-12, what area of sin do you struggle with the most?

10. What do you learn about the character of God from James 4:1-12? _____

Pray: Please write a prayer to the Lord telling Him what you've learned about Him and telling Him what sin you need His help to overcome. Remember 1 John 1:9, "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." _____

