

**Message Study Guide**

(Scriptures & quotes from this week's message are available on [thorncreek.church/live](http://thorncreek.church/live))

**Warming up**

1. What does it mean to resist the devil? How do you do that?

**Digging Deeper & Application**

Take your time reading the scripture given. If possible look up the verses in different versions and pause at each verse and discuss it.

Read James 4:1-10

2. What are some insights you see in these verses?
3. James was talking to Christians who had become cold. What was a sign to James that their hearts were no longer close to Jesus?
4. Can you identify with these Christians?
5. Was there a time in your life when the flame of God burned brighter inside of you?
6. "Your devotion to God is illustrated, demonstrated, and authenticated by your love for others." - Andy Stanley, What are your thoughts about these words?
7. According to James, what is the real battle ground?
8. What does the word lust mean to you inverse two? Compare it to 1 Peter 2:11.
9. In James 4:4 he refers to friendship with the world. What does that look like? When does it become a problem?
10. Why did James call them "adulterers?" Compare to John 2:15-17.
11. What does verse five mean to you? Read it in different versions.
12. Read 2 Corinthians 6:19 & 2 Corinthians 6:16. What are these verses referring to?

13. What does Exodus 34:14 and Deuteronomy 4:24 mean? What does it mean that God is a jealous God?

14. What kind of pride is James talking about in verse six? See Matthew 23:12.

### **Application**

Below are some of the points or quotes shared in the message.  
Discuss how they apply to your life.

- "Spirit filled souls are ablaze for God. They love with a love that glows. They serve with a faith that kindles. They serve with a devotion that consumes." -Samuel Chadwick

### **The fire of your devotion has gone out.**

- Now, your love for others has diminished.
- Your grace for others has changed.
- Your love has become colder.
- You're quicker to become critical.
- You're quicker to argue.
- You don't read your bible as much as you used to.
- Now, you're different.

### **James is saying, they unfriended Jesus and friended the world instead.**

- When they became careless with managing their desires.
- When they started following the wrong cravings in their heart.
- When they let jealousy, envy, and lust live inside of them...
- They unfriended God.