

Sessions 3: Cure for Conflict

Main theme: The good news about how God helps us to change our hearts.

Main text: James 4:7-10

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- Key to change: “Humble yourselves in the presence of the Lord, and He will exalt you.” **(v. 10)**
 - If I humble myself and in some way get my desires in line, God says He will bring me exaltation. (Lift me up)
 - Because many times we don’t know what God has in store for those who love Him, we clamor after the simple things on this earth, like the praise of men.
 - We need to keep our eyes on what the Lord has in store for us.
 - Matthew 19:27-29
 - When all things are made new and the Son of man sits on His glorious throne, you also shall sit on twelve thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.
 - Everyone who has served the Lord will receive a “many times” or “hundredfold” more, and shall inherit eternal life.
 - This isn’t a sacrifice. It’s an investment.
 - Psalm 37:1-6
 - Daniel 12:2-3
- The process of humbling yourself before the Lord.
 - Submit therefore to God **(v. 7)**
 - Get yourself in line behind God and His plans and purposes. Put your plans and purposes below God’s plans and purposes.
 - Resist the devil and he will flee from you. **(v. 7)**
 - Side note: The devil was prideful. Don’t be like the devil.
 - Draw near to God. **(v. 8)**
 - What does it mean to draw near to God? How do I practically draw near to God?
 - Draw near to listen to God. We listen via the Word of God.
 - Psalm 73:17
 - Coming into the sanctuary of God saved the Psalmist from his sinful idolatry.
 - Cleanse your hands you sinners **(v. 8)**
 - As I come and draw near to God and He shows me the wickedness in my heart and I see His glorious plan in my circumstances, that He really is working something good, I confess to God that my heart is an idolatrous heart, I confess my sins, and I will be cleansed. And like the Psalmist in Psalm 73 we start having a deeper and deeper desire to please our God.
- On a practical every day basis, how do we do this?
 - Eight questions to ask myself to spur on change.
 1. What is the situation?
 2. How am I responding?
 3. What am I wanting?
 4. What are the possible consequences of my actions?
 5. What should I be wanting?
 6. What does the Bible say about my situation and my response?

7. What are the possible consequences both now and in eternity if I please the Lord?
8. What should I do now?