

**James: A Fruitful Faith
Mature Faith in Real Life**



James 4-5

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Identify the real _____

Who's really _____ ?

The grace we _____

The _____ God _____

When we draw near to God with undivided hearts, He meets us with transforming grace.

Questions to think about...

1. Think about a recent conflict you've had — big or small. What do you think you wanted in that moment?
2. James says that conflict comes from desires that 'battle within us' (James 4:1). What does that look like in real life?
3. When does a good desire become a controlling desire?
4. Verse 3 talks about praying with wrong motives. What does selfish prayer sound like?
5. James calls 'friendship with the world' spiritual adultery. What do you think that means in everyday life? *Where do you see the world trying to shape our values?*
6. Verse 6 says God 'gives grace to the humble.' What does humility look like practically in your week?
7. What might it look like to 'submit to God' and 'resist the devil' in a concrete situation — not theoretically?
8. James says, 'Draw near to God, and He will draw near to you.' What helps you draw near? What hinders you?
9. Verses 9–10 describe mourning over sin and God lifting us. How does true repentance lead to joy instead of shame?
10. Which of James' actions (submit, resist, draw near, cleanse, humble) do you sense God highlighting for you right now?