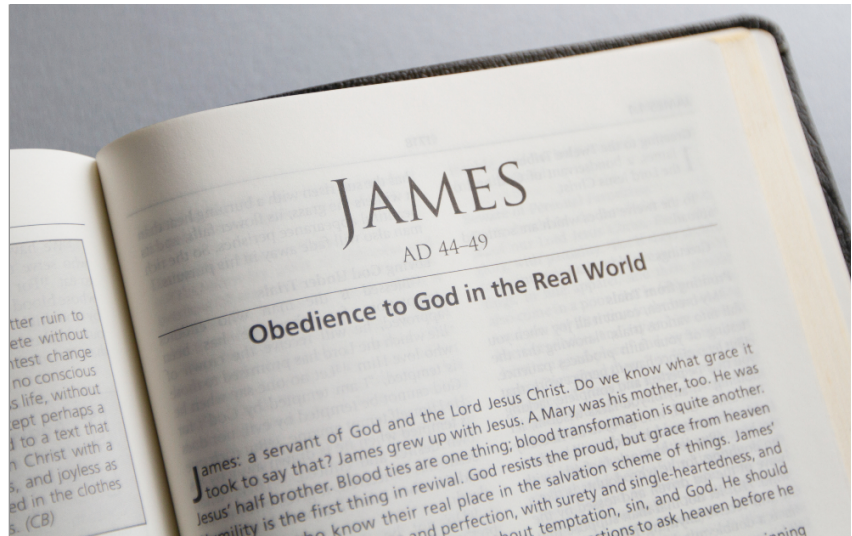


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James 4

1 What causes fights and quarrels among you? Don't they come from your desires that battle within you? 2 You desire but do not have, so you kill. You covet but you cannot get what you want, so you quarrel and fight. You do not have because you do not ask God. 3 When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures. 4 You adulterous people, don't you know that friendship with the world means enmity against God? Therefore, anyone who chooses to be a friend of the world becomes an enemy of God. 5 Or do you think Scripture says without reason that he jealously longs for the spirit he has caused to dwell in us? 6 But he gives us more grace. That is why Scripture says: "God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble." 7 Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. 8 Come near to God and he will come near to you.



Questions for Discussion

1. Read James 4:1-8.
 2. What does James say that envy causes?
 3. Why don't we get what we want, even when we pray for it, according to this passage?
 4. What is his solution?
 5. How do we align ourselves with God's will?
 6. What kinds of things are we likely to pray for when we are following Jesus?
 7. How do we draw close to God?
- Take time to pray for one another.