



JAMES

*Heavenly Father,
In the name of Jesus Christ the Lord,
In the power and presence of the Holy Spirit,
Speak, for Your loved ones are listening.
Open up our minds, hearts, souls, and lives as only You can.
We invite Your examination and treatment.
Thank You for not holding back.
We desire Your very best.
Our lives depend on You now and forever.*

*We invite Your training and testing.
Thank You for never giving up.
We desire full recovery.
Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Breathe Your very life into us through Your Word.
Form a living, maturing faith in us by Your Word.
Fill our lives with the Good News and good deeds of
Your Word.
Amen.*



The Real War

JAMES 4:1-12







“...the basic facts of CPL Tillman’s death--that it was caused by friendly fire... circumstances on the ground caused soldiers to misidentify friendly forces as hostile.”

- Pentagon Report, March 2007

JAMES 4:1^a net

*Where do the conflicts and where do
the quarrels among you come from?*

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JAMES 4:12^b net

who are you to judge your neighbor?



The Real War

Battle against the **Flesh**

James 4:1 *net*

Where do the conflicts and where do the quarrels among you come from? Is it not from this, from your passions that battle inside you?



The Real War

Battle against the **Flesh**

James 4:2-3 *net*

You desire and you do not have; you murder and envy and you cannot obtain; you quarrel and fight. You do not have because you do not ask; ³ you ask and do not receive because you ask wrongly, so you can spend it on your passions.



The Real War

Battle against the Flesh
Battle against the **World**

James 4:4-5 *net*

Adulterers, do you not know that friendship with the world means hostility toward God? So whoever decides to be the world's friend makes himself God's enemy.⁵ Or do you think the scripture means nothing when it says, “The spirit that God caused to live within us has an envious yearning”?



The Real War

Battle against the Flesh

Battle against the **World**

1 John 2:15-17 *net*

Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him, ¹⁶ **because all that is in the world** (the desire of the flesh and the desire of the eyes and the arrogance produced by material possessions) is not from the Father, but is from the world. ¹⁷ And the world is passing away with all its desires, but the person who does the will of God remains forever.



The Real War

Battle against the Flesh
Battle against the World
Battle against the **Devil**

James 4:7 *net*

So submit to God. But resist the devil and he will flee from you.



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1 John 5:19-21 *net*

We know that we are from God, and the whole world lies in the power of the evil one. ²⁰ And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us insight to know him who is true, and we are in him who is true, in his Son Jesus Christ. This one is the true God and eternal life. ²¹ Little children, guard yourselves from idols.



JAMES 4:6 *net*

But he gives greater grace.
Therefore it says, “God opposes the proud,
but he gives grace to the humble.”



Hope in the Battle

Submit & Draw Near to God

James 4:7-8^a *net*

So submit to God. But resist the devil and he will flee from you.

⁸ Draw near to God and he will draw near to you.



Hope in the Battle

Submit & Draw Near to God

Repent & Humble Yourself

James 4:8^b-10 *net*

Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and make your hearts pure, you double-minded. ⁹ Grieve, mourn, and weep. Turn your laughter into mourning and your joy into despair. ¹⁰ Humble yourselves before the Lord and he will exalt you.



Hope in the Battle

Submit & Draw Near to God

Repent & Humble Yourself

Guard your Tongue

James 4:11-12 *net*

Do not speak against one another, brothers and sisters.

He who speaks against a fellow believer or judges a fellow believer speaks against the law and judges the law. But if you judge the law, you are not a doer of the law but it's judge.

¹² But there is only one who is lawgiver and judge - the one who is able to save and destroy. On the other hand, who are you to judge your neighbor?



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