



THE HEIGHTS FELLOWSHIP

THIS WEEK AT THF

TUESDAY

7:00pm-9:00pm ▶ **THF COLLEGE - Hangouts**
Meets at Various Locations!

WEDNESDAY

7:00pm-8:30pm ▶ **THF STUDENTS - Worship & Small Groups**
Doors & Youth Cafe open at 6:30pm

THURSDAY

6:30am-7:30am ▶ **MEN'S MINISTRY - Fellowship & Bible Study**
Meets in the THF Mall

UPCOMING AT THF

MAR 10 & 17
ONE WORSHIP SERVICE - 9:30AM

MAR 31
EASTER SERVICE - 9:30AM & 11:00AM

APR 19-21
MEN'S RETREAT
Details to Come!

PRINTING YOUR GIVING STATEMENT

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www.theheightsfellowship.org

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- Click Online Member Portal
- Click Infellowship
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FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

FEBRUARY 18, 2024

BUDGET GIVING: \$19,857.00

BUDGET NEEDS: \$18,919.00

YEAR TO DATE

BUDGET GIVING: \$114,308.51

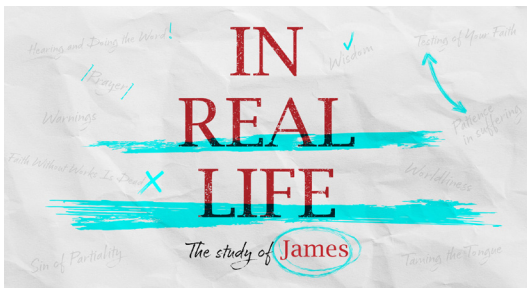
BUDGET NEEDS: \$129,731.00

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FEBRUARY 25, 2024



CONFLICT REVOLUTION

James 4:1-10

...real conflict is not between two people, it's between the idol in my adulterous, murderous, lustful heart, and God. And when we finally begin to understand this, only then will it lead to a Conflict Revolution.

- Chris Anderson

WHAT WORD WOULD YOU USE TO DESCRIBE THE WORLD RIGHT NOW?
CONFLICT - POLITICAL; MILITARILY; CULTURAL;
EVEN IN CHURCHES

We don't simply need more conflict resolution...we need a **REVOLUTION!**

THE CONFLICT - ITS **CAUSE** vv1-2

1 What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you? Is it not this, that your passions are at war within you? 2 You desire and do not have, so you murder. You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel. You do not have, because you do not ask. (esv)

James never directs source to outside **CIRCUMSTANCES** or to **PEOPLE!**

We have *conflict* and are *conflicted* because we **lust** and are **selfish**
 Our passions are 'at war within you.'

This is how Paul said it:

For we also once were foolish ourselves, disobedient, deceived, enslaved to various lusts and pleasures, spending our life in malice and envy, hateful, hating one another. Titus 3:3

You **desire** (lust) and do not have...

You **covet** and cannot obtain...

Question: Where are you sourcing things?

DESIRE (something God gives us)

becomes something we **DOMINATION DEMAND** (we presume it on life/others)

until it begins to **DESTROY** (relationships and integrity)

**When I forget or don't know who I am in Jesus -
 I look OUTSIDE to satisfy what I most crave inside!**

Knowing our **IDENTITY IN JESUS** - **REVOLUTIONIZES** our inner conflict!

Loved 1 Jn 3:1, 4:7-11; Zeph 3:17

Chosen 1 Pet 2:9; 2 Thess 2:13

Redeemed Gal 3:13; 1 Pet 1:18

Adopted Rom 8:15-17; Eph 1:4-5

Saved 2 Cor 5:21; Jo 5:24; Eph 2:5-9

Saint Eph 2:9, 3:17; Col 1:11-13; Rom 8:27

Blessed 2 Cor 9:8; Eph 1:3

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Reconciled Rom 5:10-11; 2 Cor 5:18-20; Col 1:20-22

Forgiven Eph 4:32; Col 3:13; Ps 103:11-12

Heard Jer 29:12-13; 1 Pet 3:12; 1 Jn 5:15

Resourced Rom 12:4-8; Eph 2:10; 1 Pet 4:10-11

Made New 2 Cor 5:17; Eph 4:22-24; 2 Pet 1:3

Secure Ps 122:6-7; Rom 8:1,38-39; Phil 1:6; Titus 1:2

Victorious 1 Jn 5:4; Jn 16:33; Rom 8:37

Series: In Real Life

THE CONFLICT - ITS **CIRCUMSTANCES** vv3-6

3 You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions.

4 You adulterous people! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God. 5 Or do you suppose it is to no purpose that the Scripture says, "He yearns jealously over the spirit that he has made to dwell in us"? (esv)

— It is steeped in **SELF-RELIANCE** (We become **PRAYERLESS!**) v2

— It expresses itself as **SELF-FOCUSED** v3

Instead of the prayer, "Thy Will Be Done," it comes out "My desires be satisfied!"

— It is not **HEAVENLY** - it is **WORLDLY** v4

friendship in the Biblical sense = **INTIMACY!**
JAMES HAS CALLED THEM 'BROTHERS' SO FAR, NOW HE CHANGES TERMS: 'ADULTERESSES'
world (kosmos) = the world system, or the world apart from God

A man may either use the world or be used by it. To use the world as the servant of God and men is to be the friend of God, for that is what God meant the world to be. To us the world as the controller and dictator of life is to be at enmity with God...

- Wm Barclay

Romans 8:8 - Those who are **in the flesh** cannot please God...

Matthew 6:24 - No one can **serve two masters**...

That '[God] yearns jealously' v5 means that the *real conflict* is between **my idol** and **my God!**

That humans can be 'friends with God' is **REVOLUTIONARY** - Eph 2:13

THE CONFLICT - ITS **CURE** vv7-10 **SEVEN STEPS**

7 Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. 8 Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. 9 Be wretched and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. 10 Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you. (esv)

Submit

Resist

Draw Near

Cleanse

Purify

Mourn

Humble

It leaves the question: HOW? How can we possibly do that?

But he gives more grace. Therefore it says, "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble." v6

→ God give grace to know they **NEED** it!

→ He gives **MORE GRACE** to those who know they really need it!

→ His grace **OPPOSES** the proud!

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Series: In Real Life

THF LIFENotes
Week of February 25

1. Look at James 4:4. Explain what it means to be a “friend of the world”?

2. What did Mike say was the cause of conflict?
What is NOT the cause? Discuss with your group.

3. When you forget or don’t know who you are in Jesus—where did Mike say you go outside to satisfy the crave on the inside? Discuss with your group.

4. How would you define repentance for someone who has no Bible knowledge? Share with the group.

5. Chris Anderson said, “There are three kinds of people when it comes to conflict: Peace-fakers, Peace-breakers, and Peace-members.” Which one best describes you? Discuss with your group the results of being each.