

# Faith Turns Worldliness into Worship

**Scripture:** James 4:1-12

## Faith exposes worldly passions

*“What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you? Is it not this, that your passions are at war within you?” (v1)*

*“the younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me.’ . . . Not many days later the younger son gathered all that he had and he took a journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in reckless living” (Luke 15:11-13)*

## Faith severs worldly partnerships

*“You adulterous people! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God?” (v4)*

*“But when he came to himself, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish with hunger! I will arise and go to my father. . .’” (Luke 15:14-17)*

## Faith submits to God’s plan

*“Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.” (v7-8)*

*“And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him.” (Luke 15:18-24)*

## Faith shares God’s perspective

*“Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.” (v7-8)*

*“Do not speak evil against one another, brothers. The one who speaks against a brother or judges his brother, speaks evil against the law and judges the law.” (v11)*

*“But the (older son) was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him” (Luke 15:25-32)*

**PRAY – FLEE – SUBMIT – SEE**

