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RE- FLECTING GOD

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James 4:1-10

In James, chapter 4, he begins with an open-ended question, "What causes fights and quarrels among you?" Sadly, the answer is "lots of different things." People from different backgrounds are bound to disagree. How we disagree either makes us more like the people God longs for us to be or leaves us broken and weary.

The source of this unhealthy conflict is selfishness. It's that determination to "get my way" no matter the cost. Unfortunately, the cost of getting our way often strains relations and can even harm our relationship with God. Remember, God won't lift up those who tear down.

James tells us that godly conflict resolution starts with submission to God. We need to worry less about getting our way and more about honoring God with our actions. People who are humble enough to put God's good ahead of their own desires will find that he "lifts them up."

Are you in the middle of a fight that threatens the unity of your family or church? Make sure you disagree in such a way that God is glorified and that your solution leaves room for his blessing.