

Victory Connect Lesson
"The Only Way Forward"
Pastor Paul Daugherty
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Key Passage: James 4

Key Revelation:

Embracing humility is the only way forward.

How to move forward when life throws you a curve:

1. Recognize the war within me.

Jas 4:1 NKJV Where do wars and fights [come] from among you? Do [they] not [come] from your [desires for] pleasure that war in your members?

2. Go to God before you go to "them."

Jas 4:2 NIV You desire but do not have...You do not have because you do not ask God.

3. My pursuit reveals my loyalty.

Jas 4:3 NIV When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures.

4. God is jealous for our undivided heart.

Exo 34:14 NIV Do not worship any other god, for the LORD, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God.

5. God wants to give me grace when I humble myself.

Jas 4:6 ESV - 6 But he gives more grace. Therefore it says, "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble."

6. Submission to God gives me power over the devil.

Jas 4:7 ESV Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

7. Holy sorrow towards God is healthy, it leads to honor.

2Co 7:10 NIV Godly sorrow brings repentance that leads to salvation and leaves no regret, but worldly sorrow brings death.

8. It's not my job to judge or speak evil of others.

Jas 4:11 NKJV Do not speak evil of one another, brethren. He who speaks evil of a brother and judges his brother, speaks evil of the law and judges the law. But if you judge the law, you are not a doer of the law but a judge.

Discussion Thoughts:

1. Share a time godly sorrow led you to repent?
2. Share a time you humbled yourself on purpose?
3. Share a time God's grace exalted you?

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