

THE CHURCH OF

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JAMES

Choose Whom You Will Serve

James 4 (ESV)

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

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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 doubleminded. 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.

The Main Idea

Draw near to God
and
He will draw near to you.

Draw near to this world
and
it will betray you.



**Friendship with the World
is Enmity with God**

Friendship with the World Enmity with God

- The world lures us to reject Jesus
 - Lust of the eyes & flesh
 - Pride
- Sin from God's perspective – Adultery (hurtful)
- Pattern of world versus lifestyle in the Word

Friendship with the World Enmity with God

- Love the people of the world – Reject its values & systems
 - Money
 - Selfish
 - Stealing
 - Socialism
 - ✓ Stewardship (first & best)

Friendship with the World Enmity with God

- Love the people of the world – Reject its values & systems (cont.)
 - Sex
 - “What I want, when I want & with whom I want”
 - LGBTQ+
 - ✓ Man & woman in marriage
- Standing under the Word versus standing on the Word

Friendship with the World Enmity with God

- Love the people of the world – Reject its values & systems (cont.)
 - Popularity
 - Woke
 - Influencer
 - ✓ Un-woke/canceled Christian

GOD

IS

JEALOUS

FOR YOU

God is Jealous for You

- Nursing mother
- Only my Lord Jesus meets my needs
- Lavishes His grace on us
- God draws us near to Him – Prodigal son
- Mortification (kill sin) & vivification (spend time with God in prayer & fasting)

Questions

- Where in your life have you developed a habit or lifestyle that looks more like the world than Jesus?
- Was there ever a time where you were able to “play second fiddle enthusiastically” and help create harmony (be humble)? How did it impact your faith and your life?
- During the prayer and fasting season in anticipation of Saturated, what can you do to cultivate and deepen your relationship with Jesus?



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