**Faith at Work: A Study in James Series April 24, 2022**

**Humility Before God**

Humility Begins with **Submission to God** James 4:7

* Submit – willing attitude of cooperating with the leading of another
	+ Jesus submitted Himself to His parents (Luke 2:51)
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Drawing Near to God James 4:8a

* **Intentional movement** toward the Lord
	+ This action results in a promise: God will come toward us as we go to Him
	+ Draw near to God through:

**Simplifying**
**Solace**
**Silence**
**Serenity** (retreat)
**Prayer:** Talking with God
**Worship:** glorifying God
**Study:** spiritual growth
**Fasting:** self-denial

Cleanse Your Hands & Purify Your Hearts James 4:8b

* Removing those things from our lives which **separate us from God**
	+ Repentance of sins
	+ Devotion to purity

James 4:9 (NASB)
**Be miserable** and **mourn** and **weep**; let your laughter be **turned** into mourning and your joy to gloom.

* Express **sorrow or grief** over sins that were sourced in sinful habits, patterns that came from double-mindedness
	+ Double Minded: being committed to both God and the world

James 4:10
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* Genuine repentance, brokenness over sin, and intent to seek purity in our lives will result in a person whose **humility** shows through
	+ God will reward the believer who submits to this regularly

God Alone is Our Judge James 4:11-12

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**What does this mean for me?**

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* How can you purify those areas of your life so that you do not continue to fall into those sins?
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