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Love Actually: How to Stop Fighting

1. The Lion & the Lamb Within Us

- Both the lion and the lamb live _____ each person.
- Sometimes we are the **lion**; sometimes the **lamb**.
- Question: **Why do we** _____?

2. Jesus' Vision for Us

Jesus wants to grow in us: **the virtue of** _____.

Biblical peace:

Well-being from being in right relationship with _____ and living in _____ with others.

Peace involves our relationships with:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

To experience peace, we must become a **person of** _____.

3. Why We Fight (James 4)

James 4:1-2 Fights come from _____ battling within us.

The lion roars when:

We want something, but our desire is being _____.

“Hedonism” = putting _____ above others.

What makes your lion roar?

- Spending money on _____
- Wanting to go _____
- Wanting to be _____
- Wanting to be left _____
- Wanting to get things _____





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4. What Blocks Our Desires?

Two triggers:

1. People

Different _____, _____, and _____.

2. Circumstances

We can't get what we want, so we look for someone to _____.

5. Fighting Styles

- **Bomber:** You _____ everything.
- **Hand-to-Hand Combat:** You push _____.
- **Boycotter:** You give the _____ treatment.
- **Call in Troops:** You gather people who _____ with you.
- **God Card:** Asking God to bless your _____.

6. The Real Battle

We cannot win the war on the _____ until we win the war on the _____.

Matthew 15:18 Words come from the _____. Your mouth is a megaphone for your _____.

7. How to Quiet the Roar

A. Submit to God

James 4:7 *Submit yourselves to God.*

God's desires:

1. **Love** _____
2. **Love** _____

Peace grows when we put others' needs _____ our own.

B. Resist the Evil One

He wants you to _____ your pride, especially your _____ pride.





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Avoid the places where darkness thrives:

- Unrealistic expectations
- Scrolling
- Porn
- Weak boundaries
- Work-idolatry
- Certain friendships

C. Come Near to God

James 4:8 *Come near to God...*

Ways to draw near:

- Sundays
- **15 minutes** with God
- Community Group
- Serving

D. Humble Yourself

James 4:10 *Humble yourselves...*

Humility = thinking of others _____ yourself and letting go of _____.

God promises to _____ **you up**.

8. The Final Question

When you feel the roar rising, ask:

Am I trying to win a _____, or build a right _____?

Let's stop feeding the lion and become people of **peace**.

