

## Lessons on How to Live for God

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Genesis 16: James 4:1-10

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### 1. **Waiting**

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Waiting on God requires Faith

### 2. **Scheming**

1b-4a

Faith is living without scheming

### 3. **Fighting**

4b-6

When you follow the ways of world, you will end up fighting  
and warring like the world.

James 3:13-18

### 4. **Submitting**

7-16

A. Hagar had to submit to God

7-14

B. Sarai had to submit to God

between the lines

C. Abram had to submit to God

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## **God's Answers for Anger, fights & quarrels James 4**

- Wrong desires cause fights & quarrels 1-2  
What do I really desire?
- We are to ask God (pray) 2  
Have I talked to God about my desire?
- We often elevate good things above our desire for God  
and our life of worship 3  
What do I want that I am willing to sin to get?
- Anything desired above God is spiritual adultery! 4  
Do I want this so I can glorify God and love others better or is it just for my  
glory?
- God often uses circumstances to reveal our idolatrous  
loves 5  
Could God be showing me my lack of love for Him in this situation? Ps 73:25
- God will give us the grace we need when we humble  
ourselves 6-7  
**What does God (Bible) tell me to do? (Do even  
hard things God's way)**
- Specifically confess & mourn anything that usurped  
God in your life 8-9  
What am I demanding in my life besides Christ?
- Humble yourself (apply the Gospel) and trust God to  
exalt you 10  
Can I trust God with my 'rights'? 1 Cor 6:19b-20

## **How to Think with Gospel Centered Humility**

But the good news is that a Christian who remembers the Gospel can inform his behavior with the following statements:

- My greatest problem in life has been resolved at the Cross. Romans 8:1-2.
- I have no reason to be angry with anyone because of God's overwhelming kindness to me through the Cross. Mt 18:21-35.
- Because of the power of the Gospel I can now overcome my anger. 2 Cor 6:7.
- It is easy to forgive others as I reflect on God's forgiveness of me through the Cross. 1 Pt 4:7-11.
- The Gospel says I am guilty of killing Christ, therefore there is nothing that anyone can do to me that is worse than what I did to Him.
- The Gospel says I was a murderer. Jms 2:8-10.
- The Gospel says I am declared not guilty of murder.
- Through the lens of the Gospel I am informed that I was the foremost sinner, but God showed mercy! 1 Timothy 1:15-16.

### Faith Lessons:

- A. Faith is being willing to wait on God's timing
- B. Faith is seeking God's glory alone (trusting when difficult)
- C. Faith Acts only on the authority of God's Word
- D. Acting (obedience) in Faith will give joy & peace