

“Faith Works” Series – A Study of James
Today’s Sermon: Get Off the Fence and Choose a Side
James 4: 1-10

James is the ultimate big brother. He has no problem with getting in our face and telling us to straighten up. He is rough and harsh and to the point, but you can’t deny the fact that he loves you, so if you’re smart, you take it and learn from it.

It’s not as if he doesn’t know a thing or two about messing up.....

There Is an Ongoing Rebellion Against God, an Unholy Trinity (4: 1-3)

- Human nature/the “flesh” (Romans 7: 14-25)
- “The world” - a system/order that is hostile to God (I John 2: 15-17; John 16: 33)
- The ruler of that world system (John 12: 31; 14: 30)

Where Does It Lead? Take a Lesson from Lot... (Genesis 13, 19)

- He lifted his eyes toward Sodom
- He pitched his tent toward Sodom
- He sat in the gate at Sodom
 - He hated it, but didn’t want to leave it! (2 Peter 2: 7, 8)

James Uses the Word Picture of a Marriage (4: 4-6)

- He offends us by calling us adulterous people
- “I didn’t even know I was married!” (2 Cor. 11: 2; Rev. 19: 7)
- He says you can’t run with the world and be faithful to God
- God loves us with a holy jealousy

It’s Time to Renew Our Vows (4: 7-10)

- Answer this question: *“What direction am I going in life?”*
- Put God in charge, engage the enemy, and pursue God intentionally.
- Change your behavior
- Change the way you think - Romans 12: 2
- Treat your rebellion like a cancer or a marriage wrecker; call it what it is...