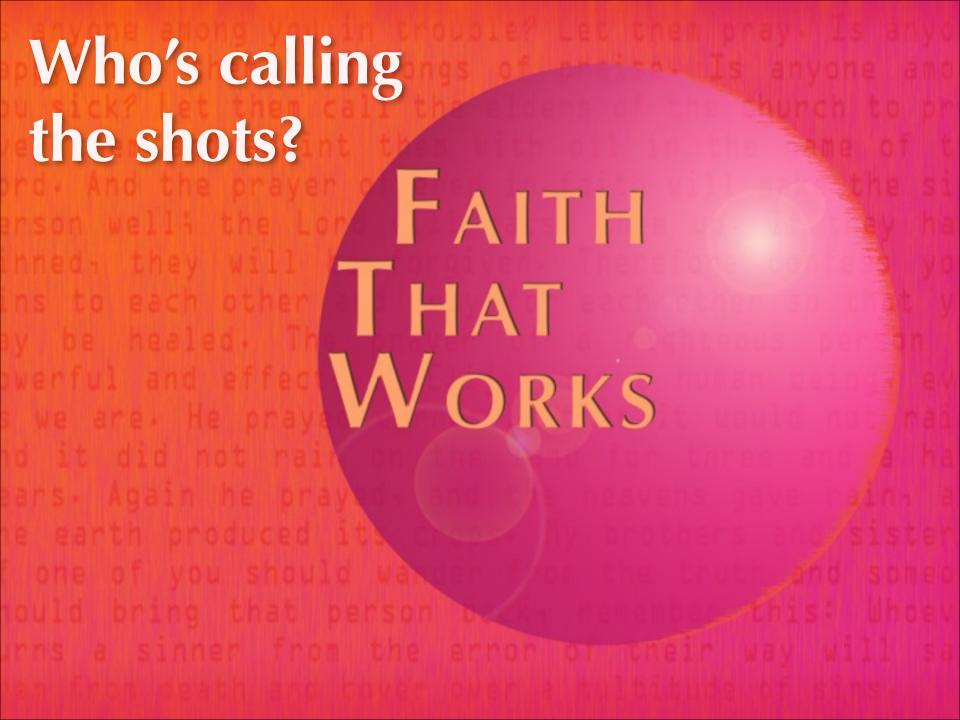
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James 4:1

What causes fights and quarrels among you?



desires: envy & selfish ambition

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What causes fights and quarrels among you? Don't they come from your desires that battle within you?



desires: envy & selfish ambition

James 4:2

You desire but do not have, so you kill. You covet but you cannot get what you want, so you quarrel and fight.



HOW DO YOU RESPOND WHEN YOU DON'T GET WHAT YOU WANT?



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Trouble with prayer?

A question of motive

James 4:2-3

You do not have because you do not ask God. When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures.



WHAT IS the MOTVE OF YOUR PRAYER?



Not an upgrade

A new operating system

James 4:4

You adulterous people, don't you know that friendship with the world means enmity against God? Therefore, anyone who chooses to be a friend of the world becomes an enemy of God.



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James 4:5

Or do you think Scripture says without reason that he jealously longs for the spirit he has caused to dwell in us



More Grace!

We can't change ourselves

James 4:6

But he gives us more grace. That is why
Scripture says:
'God opposes the proud
but shows favour to the humble.'



1. Submit to God

James 4:7

Submit yourselves, then, to God. ...



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Ecclesiastes 5:2

Do not be quick with your mouth, do not be hasty in your heart to utter anything before God.

God is in heaven and you are on earth, so let your words be few.



2. Resist the Devil

James 4:7

Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.



3. Engage your heart

James 4:8

Come near to God and he will come near to you.



WHAT helps YOU DRAW NEAR TO GOD?



4. clean yourself up

James 4:8

Come near to God and he will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.



5. get serious

James 4:9

Grieve, mourn and wail. Change your laughter to mourning and your joy to gloom.



5. get serious

James 4:9 (The Message)

Hit bottom, and cry your eyes out. The fun and games are over. Get serious, really serious. Get down on your knees before the Master; it's the only way you'll get on your feet.



Changing the operating system The Promise!

James 4:10

Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up.



WHERE do YOU NEED TO SUBMIT TO GOD TODAY?



