

Enduring For Joy
James 4
One Year Bible: Week 47

My life for you or My life for me?

*The operative philosophy of most people is happiness is found in maximizing pleasure and minimizing pain. In a word, hedonism. This is too simplistic. True happiness and joy are to be found when we live in accord with our design, the image of God. Today's focus is on **what we were, what we became and what we are becoming.***

*Jesus saved us and is committed to **restoring us to the image we fell from.** He came that we might have life and have it abundantly. God said in Isaiah that our ways are not His ways. They should be, that is where happiness resides. We are on a quest to have the joy that Jesus enjoyed by seeking it the way He sought it.*

James 4:1 **What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you? Is it not this, that your passions are at war within you?**

The start of the war:

Genesis 1:1 In the beginning, **God created** the heavens and the earth.

Genesis 1:26 Then God said, “**Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over** the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.”

Genesis 1:27 So **God created man in his own image,** in the image of God he created him; **male and female he created them.**

Genesis 1:28 And **God blessed them.** And God said to them, “Be **fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it,** and **have dominion over** the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth.”

Genesis 2:16 And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, “You may surely eat of **every tree of the garden,**

Genesis 2:17 but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, **for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.**”

Genesis 2:25 And the man and his wife were both **naked** and were **not ashamed**.

Genesis 3:1 Now the serpent was more crafty than any other **beast of the field that the LORD God had made**. He said to the woman, “**Did God actually say, ‘You shall not eat of any tree in the garden’?**”

Genesis 3:2 And the woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden,

Genesis 3:3 but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.’”

Genesis 3:4 But the serpent said to the woman, “**You will not surely die**.

Genesis 3:5 For God knows that when you eat of it **your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God**, knowing good and evil.”

Genesis 3:6 So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree **was to be desired to make one wise**, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate.

Genesis 3:7 Then the **eyes of both were opened**, and **they knew that they were naked**. And **they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths**.

Genesis 3:8 And they heard the sound of the **LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day**, and the man and his wife **hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God** among the trees of the garden.

Genesis 3:9 But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, “Where are you?”

Genesis 3:10 And he said, “I heard the sound of you in the garden, and **I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself.**”

Genesis 3:11 He said, “**Who told you that you were naked?** Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?”

Genesis 3:21 And the **LORD God made for Adam and for his wife garments of skins and clothed them.**

James 4:1 **What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you?** Is it not this, that **your passions are at war within you?**

James 4:2 **You desire and do not have, so you murder. You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel.** You do not have, **because you do not ask.**

James 4:3 You ask and do not receive, **because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions.**

James 4:4 You **adulterous people!** Do you not know that **friendship with the world is enmity with God?** Therefore whoever **wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.**

Romans 8:7 For **the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile** to God, for it does not submit to God’s law; indeed, it cannot.

James 4:5 Or do you suppose it is to no purpose that the Scripture says, “**He yearns jealously over the spirit that he has made to dwell in us**”?

Ezekiel 36:25 I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you.

Ezekiel 36:26 And I will give you **a new heart,** and **a new spirit I will put within you.** And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.

Ezekiel 36:27 And **I will put my Spirit within you,** and **cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules.**

Galatians 5:17 For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, **to keep you from doing the things you want to do.**

Romans 7:22 For **I delight in the law of God, in my inner being,**

Genesis 1:27a So **God created man in his own image...**

Romans 8:29a For those whom he foreknew **he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son...**

Luke 22:24 A **dispute also arose among them**, as to **which of them was to be regarded as the greatest.**

Luke 22:25 And he said to them, “The kings of the Gentiles exercise lordship over them, and those in authority over them are called benefactors.

Luke 22:26 But not so with you. Rather, **let the greatest among you become as the youngest, and the leader as one who serves.**

Luke 22:27 For **who is the greater**, one who reclines at table or one who serves? Is it not the one who reclines at table? **But I am among you as the one who serves.**

Mark 10:45 For even **the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give** his life as a ransom for many.”

Luke 12:37 Blessed are those **servants** whom the **master** finds awake when **he** comes. Truly, I say to you, **he will dress himself for service** and have **them** recline at table, and **he will come and serve them.**

John 14:9 Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? **Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’?**

Genesis 1:27a So **God created man in his own image...**

John 10:10 The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. **I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.**

John 10:11 I am the good shepherd. **The good shepherd lays down his life** for the sheep.

Luke 9:24 For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it.

John 13:34 A new commandment I give to you, that you love **one another**: **just as** I have loved you, you also are to love **one another**.

Romans 12:16 Live in harmony with **one another**. **Do not be haughty**, but **associate with the lowly**. **Never be wise in your own sight**.

Acts 20:35 In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and **remember the words of the Lord Jesus**, how he himself said, **‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’**”

1Peter 4:10 As each has received a gift, **use it to serve one another**, as good stewards of God’s varied grace:

Galatians 5:13 For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only **do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh**, but through love **serve one another**.

Hebrews 12:2 looking to Jesus, the **founder** and **perfecter of our faith**, who for the **joy** that was **set before him endured the cross**, despising the **shame**, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

John 10:11 I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd **lays down his life** for the sheep.

John 15:13 **Greater love has no one than this**, that someone **lay down his life** for **his friends**.

1John 3:16 By this we know love, that he **laid down his life for us**, and we ought to **lay down our lives** for the brothers.

Philippians 2:3 **Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit**, but in **humility count others more significant than yourselves**.

Philippians 2:4 Let each of you look not only to his own interests, **but also to the interests of others**.

Philippians 2:5 Have this mind among yourselves, **which is yours in Christ Jesus**,

Psalms 16:11 **You make known to me the path of life;** in your presence there is **fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.**

Mark 1:30 Now Simon's mother-in-law **lay ill** with a fever, and immediately they told him about her.

Mark 1:31 And **he came** and **took her by the hand** and **lifted her up**, and the fever left her, and **she began to serve them.**