

This Verse Changed My Life

James 4:7

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James 4:7 is a verse that changed my life, because when I first read it, the topic absolutely drew my attention. "Therefore, submit to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you." As I was drawn in by this verse, I then wanted to understand all of the verses around it better. I thank God because He gave me "ah-ha" moments about myself right in this text. Things started clicking about why I do what I do. One being why I, as a Christian, was still living in "fight or flight" so often. It was in submitting to God's Spirit that things changed for me with regards to "love". Love for God and love for others made in God's image had radically changed me as I now understood the warfare to keep me from abiding in Christ. My problem with "fight or flight" had been due to my lack of understanding of how to abide. The enemy saw it and would mess with me over it. This verse drew me in and helped me know that abiding was not rocket science, it was relationship.

There are symptoms a believer must recognize.

- Anger and wars are caused by what's inside the person.

There is the source a believer must understand.

- Every person has bents that the Spirit of God must overcome.

There is a seriousness that a believer must be impacted by.

- A child can find themselves at war with their loving father. The bride can find themselves at war with a loving groom.
- God placed His Spirit in you because you are washed in Jesus Christ.

There is the solution for a struggling believer. . . A deeply abiding relationship with Jesus Christ.

- Submit to God. . . Satan does not flee unless he sees the Spirit is leading you.
- Draw near to God. . . God wants you to come home. He never moved.
- Humble yourself before the Lord. . . God will never turn you away as you come humbly.

Love drives submission, drawing near, and getting humble.

The Spirit produces love and actions that there is no law against. You will never regret submitting your mind and heart to your creator.

Questions for the road:

1. How would you describe “fight or flight” in your life?
2. How does spiritual warfare relate to a person’s battle with “fight or flight”?
3. What are you encouraged by in the text James 4:1-10? Is there something that was an “ah-ha” moment for you?
4. What are evidences in your life that Spirit-led love drives your actions?
5. Is there anything that God is laying on your heart that needs to change as it pertains to the instruction found in James 4:1-10?

Today's Worship Songs: *This is Our God | Battle Belongs | Love of God | Tis So Sweet To Trust In Jesus | Living Hope*