

A person in a dark jacket and pants stands on a wooden pier, looking out at a misty lake with mountains in the background. The scene is atmospheric and moody.

THE BATTLE WITHIN

JAMES 4:1-10

SERMON IN A SENTENCE

**TO WIN THE BATTLE WITHIN YOURSELF,
YOU MUST FIRST SURRENDER YOURSELF
TO A LIFE OF SELFLESSNESS.**

A person in a dark jacket and pants stands with their back to the camera on a wooden pier. They are looking out over a calm body of water towards a range of mountains under a soft, hazy sky. The scene is peaceful and contemplative.

James 4:1-3

1 What causes fights and quarrels among you? Don't they come from your DESIRES THAT BATTLE WITHIN YOU? **2** You desire but do not have, so you kill. You covet but you cannot get what you want, so you quarrel and fight. You do not have because you do not ask God. **3** When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures.

A person is standing on a wooden pier, looking out over a calm body of water towards a range of mountains under a soft, hazy sky. The person is seen from behind, wearing dark clothing. The overall mood is contemplative and serene.

James 4:4-5

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1 John 2:15-17 “**15** Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, love for the Father is not in them. **16** For everything in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—comes not from the Father but from the world. **17** The world and its desires pass away, but whoever does the will of God lives forever.”

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6 But God gives us more GRACE. That is why Scripture says: “God opposes the proud but gives GRACE to the humble.” **7** Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. **8** Come near to God and He will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. **9** Grieve, mourn and wail. Change your laughter to mourning and your joy to gloom. **10** HUMBLE yourselves before the Lord, and He will lift you up.

