

# I Can't Get No Satisfaction



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**Our Purpose:** To be a community of believers where, no matter who you are, you can experience life change through Jesus Christ.

**Our hope for harmony is seeking satisfaction in the proper place.**

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

## 1. Our External Conflict Is a Result of Our Internal Crises

*You desire and do not have, so you murder. You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel.  
—James 4:2a (ESV)*

## 2. Seeking Satisfaction Apart From God Will Fail

*You do not have, because you do not ask. 3 You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions.  
—James 4:2b-3 (ESV)*

### A. Relying On Ourselves Will Fail

*I say to the LORD, "You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you."  
—Psalm 16:2 (ESV)*

*You do not have, because you do not ask. 3 You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions.  
—James 4:2b-3 (ESV)*

## ***B. Replacing God Will Fail***

*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.*

—James 4:4 (ESV)

*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”? 6 But he gives more grace. Therefore it says, “God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble.”*

—James 4:5-6 (ESV)

## ***3. Our Restoration is Found in Returning to God***

*7 Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. 8 Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.*

—James 4:7-8a (ESV)

*8 Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. 9 Be wretched and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. 10 Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.*

—James 4:8-10 (ESV)

*25 For I will satisfy the weary soul, and every languishing soul I will replenish.”*

—Jeremiah 31:25 (ESV)

*9 For he satisfies the longing soul, and the hungry soul he fills with good things.*

—Psalm 107:9 (ESV)

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