

### 3. WE CAN BE AS \_\_\_\_\_ AS WE WANT TO BE

A. Our \_\_\_\_\_

*"He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the LORD require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?" (Micah 6:8)*

*"...and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble." (1 Peter 5:5)*

*"Though the LORD be high, yet hath he respect unto the lowly: but the proud he knoweth afar off." (Psalm 138:6)*

B. God's \_\_\_\_\_

- The way up is always down.

*"For whosoever exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted." (Luke 14:11)*

### CONCLUSION

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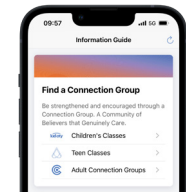


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# IT'S OUR MOVE

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**Text:** James 4:7–10

*“Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. 8 Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded. 9 Be afflicted, and mourn, and weep: let your laughter be turned to mourning, and your joy to heaviness. 10 Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up.” (James 4:7–10)*

## INTRODUCTION

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- It is human nature to focus on what we can't have rather than on what we can.
- It is often us that stands in the way of victory.

*“Ye did run well; who did hinder you that ye should not obey the truth?” (Galatians 5:7)*

- Often the “who” is “you!”

## 1. WE CAN BE AS \_\_\_\_\_ TO GOD AS WE WANT TO BE

- When we take a step toward God, he doubles the impact by taking a step toward us.

A. A \_\_\_\_\_

- The key is to stop trying and start trusting.

*“Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. 6 In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.” (Proverbs 3:5–6)*

*“Trust ye in the LORD for ever: for in the LORD JEHOVAH is everlasting strength.” (Isaiah 26:4)*

*“Then said they unto him, What shall we do, that we might work the works of God? 29 Jesus answered and said unto them, This is the work of God, that ye believe on him whom he hath sent.” (John 6:28–29)*

B. A \_\_\_\_\_

- To draw nigh to God, you can't bring Self or Satan.

## 2. WE CAN BE AS \_\_\_\_\_ AS WE WANT TO BE

*“Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the LORD, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.” (Isaiah 55:7)*

*“Who is a God like unto thee, that pardoneth iniquity, and passeth by the transgression of the remnant of his heritage? he retaineth not his anger for ever, because he delighteth in mercy.” (Micah 7:18)*

*“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” (1 John 1:9)*

A. Clean \_\_\_\_\_

*“Howbeit, because by this deed thou hast given great occasion to the enemies of the LORD to blaspheme, the child also that is born unto thee shall surely die.” (2 Samuel 12:14)*

B. Clean \_\_\_\_\_

*“I the LORD search the heart, I try the reins, even to give every man according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings.” (Jeremiah 17:10)*

*“...for the LORD seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the LORD looketh on the heart.” (1 Samuel 16:7b)*

*“If we have forgotten the name of our God, or stretched out our hands to a strange god; 21 Shall not God search this out? for he knoweth the secrets of the heart.” (Psalm 44:20–21)*

C. Clean \_\_\_\_\_

- What do we think about that God calls sin?

*“The thought of foolishness is sin...” (Proverbs 24:9a)*

*“The thoughts of the wicked are an abomination to the LORD...” (Proverbs 15:26a)*

*“...How long shall thy vain thoughts lodge within thee?” (Jeremiah 4:14b)*