

*Our January Theme: God*

**He Lifts!**

*“Humble yourselves in the sight of the  
Lord, and He will lift you up”*

*(James 4:6-10).*

# Take A Knee (6-7a)

- Humility is the first step to *faith, forgiveness*, and God's abundant *grace*.
- *"Why didn't you tell me who you are?"*  
*"I didn't think it was necessary."*
- *"If you think you are humble, you're probably not."*

# Fight Back (7b)

- This is both a command and a promise: *turning to God means resisting the devil, and he will flee from us.*
- “Resist” is a military term: *Stand and fight!*
- Satan is full of deception and seduction (John 8:44).
- To fight is to take up the whole armor of God (Eph. 6).

# Draw Near (8a)

- It is not how near is God to us, but how near are we to Him?
- Drawing near to God starts in the *heart*; we must truly love Him, for who He is and what He has *done*, what He is *doing*, and what He will *do*.
- *If God feels far away from you, who moved?*

# Clean Up (8b)

- The text could not be clearer: “*cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.*”
- Remember, James is talking to us, *saints!*
- Have you ever had a *Gethsemane* experience, where in agony and tears you confess your sins and beg God’s forgiveness? If not, it’s time.

# Get Serious (9)

- This verse sounds as though it doesn't belong here, but it definitely does.
- Once we see how big our sin is, we will stop laughing and start crying.
- That is when our Savior turns our tears to joy!

# Stay Low (10)

- *“He who exalts himself will be humbled, but he who humbles himself will be exalted” (Luke 18:14).*
- *“Always be humble, enough to sweep the floors.”*
- *“I am using this experience to exalt Christ.”*

*“But He gives a greater grace. Therefore it says, ‘God is opposed to the proud, but gives grace to the humble’”  
(James 4:6).*