The Root of Our Struggles

James 4:1-10 *(Pages 1012-1013 in Pew Bible)*

1. God's diagnosis of our problem. (4:1-5)

- Five diagnostic questions

- Correctly analyzing and evaluating the fruit vs. the root of our problem

- The sinful fruit of spiritual root decay

2. God's solution to our problem. (4:6-10)

- God's gift of abundant grace (vs. 6a)

- God's grace requires humble submission. (vs. 6b-7a)

- God's grace requires spiritual warfare against the devil. (vs. 7b)

- God in His grace calls His children to pursue righteous realignment and purification. (vs. 8)

- God in His grace promises to draw near to His repentant children. (vs. 8b)

- God's grace requires true sorrow over sin. (vs. 9)

- God in His grace promises to lift up His humble children. (vs. 10)

BIG IDEA: *Draw near to God in humble faith and obedience.*

Application

1. **Beware** of simply conforming to a set of rules and only focusing on external obedience rather than obeying God from the heart through faith. **(Hebrews 11:6)**

2. **Yield** to God's gracious Word instead of resisting His Word.