**Message:** Jesus Responds to Family and Marriage Strife: Reconciliation in Christ

**Text:** Ephesians 5:21-6:4

**Intro:** We Are At War (And the Family is NOT Collateral Damage!)

**I. Conflict’s Source (James 4:1-6)**

* James “unpacks” the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of human conflict:

1. It starts with \_\_\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ desires (v.1)
2. It builds with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ frustration (v.2)
3. It rallies with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and covetousness (v.2)
4. It escalates with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and fights (v.2)
5. It completely bypasses \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (v.2)
6. It makes prayer \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ with wrong motives (v.3)
7. It is focused on personal \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (v.3)

* James calls his audience an “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ people” (v.4)
* James exposes the folly of self-centered conflict as \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (v.4)
* James shows that conflict first destroys our relationship with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ before it works on human relationships (v.4)
* James speaks of the inner \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the Holy Spirit (v.5)
* James speaks of God’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (v.6)

**II. Conflict’s Solution (Ephesians 5:21-6:4; Colossians 3:18-21)**

* Family Conflict is a key component to the enemy’s strategy to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ humanity.
* The Christ-follower always seeks the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of others (Philippians 2:1-4; Romans 12:3; 1 Corinthians 10:24; John 13:12-17; and more!)
* Paul speaks to what this looks like in marriage and parenting:

1. Topic sentence: “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to one another our of reverence for Christ.” (v.21)
2. Wives submit to husbands by meeting their greatest need: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (v. 22, 33)
3. Godly husbands represent God’s lineage of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in the home (vv. 23-24; 1 Corinthians 11:3)
4. The wife’s example is the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (v. 24)
5. Husbands submit to wives by meeting their greatest need: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (v. 25)
6. Husbands give \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ up for their wives (v.25)
7. Husbands do whatever is necessary \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ their wives (vv.25-31)
8. The husband’s example is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Himself (v. 25, 32)
9. Children submit to their parents through \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (6:1-3)
10. Children guard themselves against \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
11. Parents submit to their children through \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (v. 4)
12. Parents guard themselves against \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ their children (v. 4)

* Paul’s idea of godly submission is fully \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_-oriented (5:21)
* Such submission in marriage and in families \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the root of conflict: self-centeredness

**Conclusion:** Forgiveness & Reconciliation