



February 21-27, 2016

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Thursday, Feb. 25 – **James 4:1-12** [It is important to see that James is addressing Christians here who apparently were still living out of their pride and self-focus. The antidote is to submit to God and recognize that we are to live by God's grace given to the humble.]

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