

THRIVE:

Desires Become
Demands – Part 2

James 4:1-10



When Desires Become Demands, Watch Out!

- There is a war within me.
- There is a war among us.
- There is a war above us.



When Desires Become Demands, Wake up!

Jeremiah 2:2

“Go and proclaim in the hearing of Jerusalem: “I remember the devotion of your youth, how as a bride you loved me and followed me through the desert . . .”



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Jeremiah 2:13

“My people have committed two sins: They have forsaken me, the spring of living water, and have dug their own cisterns, broken cisterns that cannot hold water.”



When Desires Become Demands, Wake up!

- **Submit myself to my Father.**
- **Prepare myself for battle.**
- **Pursue intimacy with my Father.**



But What About My Unfulfilled Desires?

- **Process**
- **Resist**
- **Grieve**



Case Studies

“I pour a lot into other people. We go to coffee and I ask about their lives and they share. But after an hour or two of being with a person, s/he never asks me about my life. I feel alone, but I don’t want to quit investing. What can I do?”



Case Studies

"If I tell my spouse exactly what I'm needing (longing for), such as to hear 'I love you' or 'I need a hug (to be held right now),' then how do you receive it and feel it is sincere when it is just following the instructions of the request?"

