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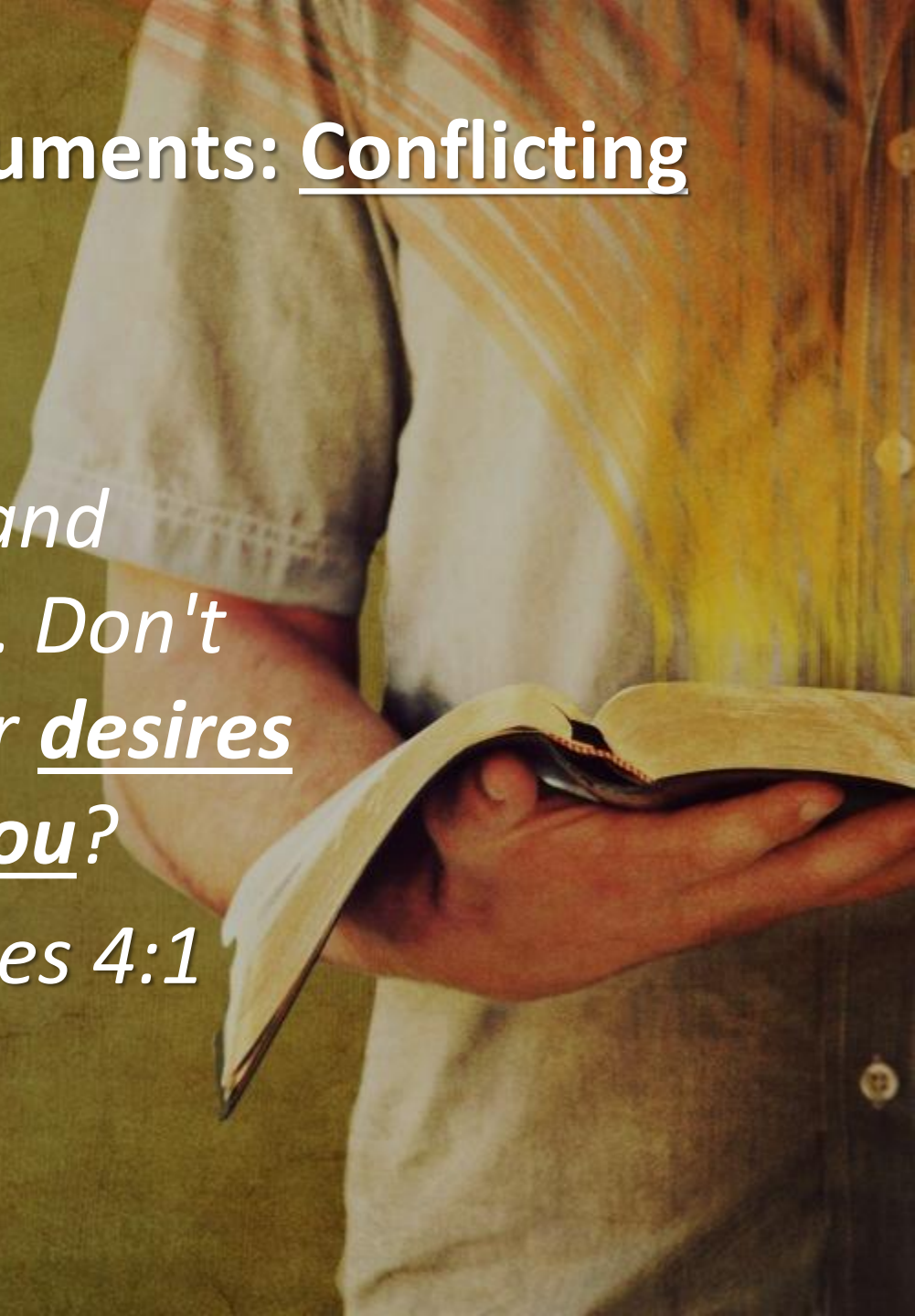
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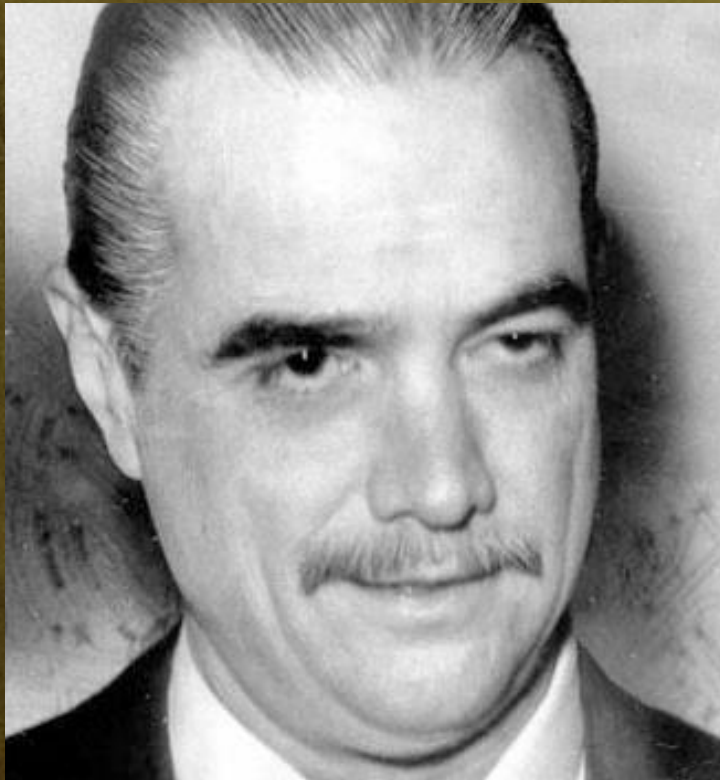
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"You want what you don't have ... you long for what others have ..."

- James 4:2, Living Bible

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“How much does it take to make a man happy?...”

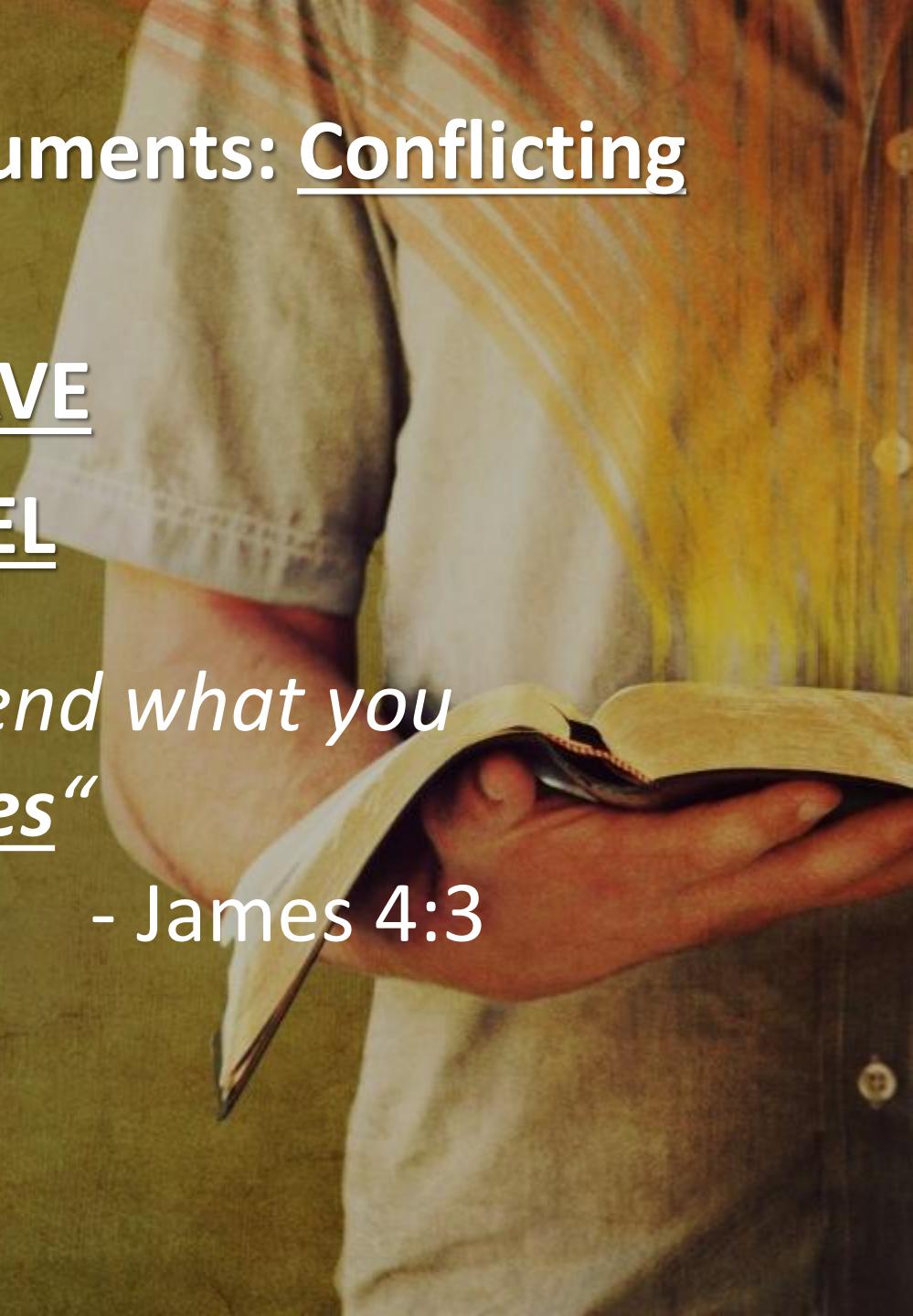
“...Just a little bit more.”

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"God made everything for our enjoyment."

- 1 Timothy 6:17

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"Pride only breeds quarrels..."

-Proverbs 13:10

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"You do not have, because you do not ask God. When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives..."

- James 4:2-3

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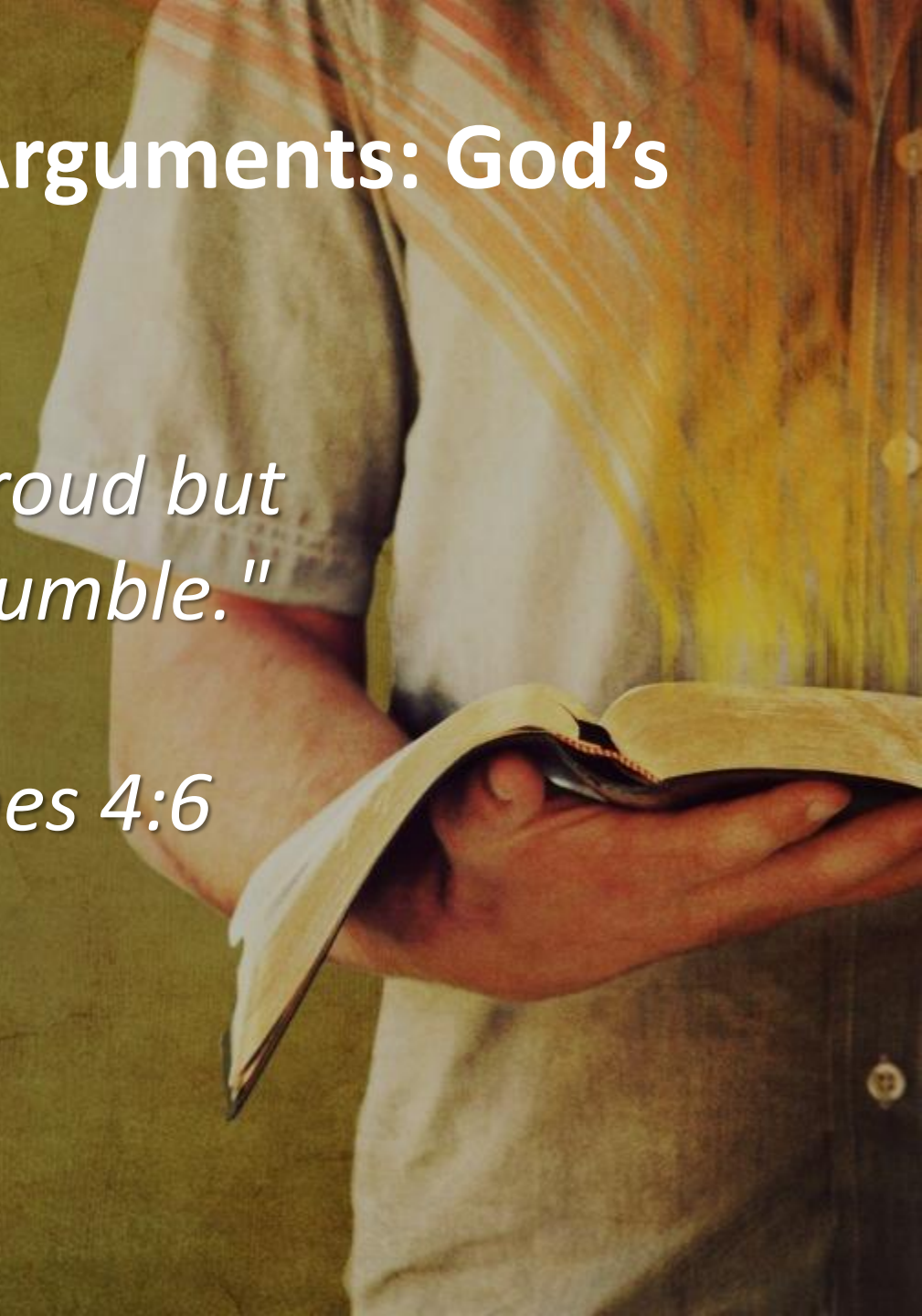
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*"Submit yourselves
then to God ..."*

- James 4:7a



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*"Let the peace of
Christ rule in your
heart."*

- Colossians 3:15



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"Resist the devil, and he will flee from you."

- James 4:7b

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"In order that Satan might not outwit us, we are not unaware of his schemes."

- 2 Corinthians 2:11





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"He will keep in perfect peace all those who trust in Him, whose thoughts turn often to the Lord."

- Isaiah 26:3



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"Come near to God and He will come near to you."

- James 4:8a



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*"Wash your hands ... purify
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- James 4:8b



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"Grieve, mourn and wail. Change your laughter to mourning and your joy to gloom."

- James 4:9

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*"Humble yourself before the Lord,
and he will lift you up."*

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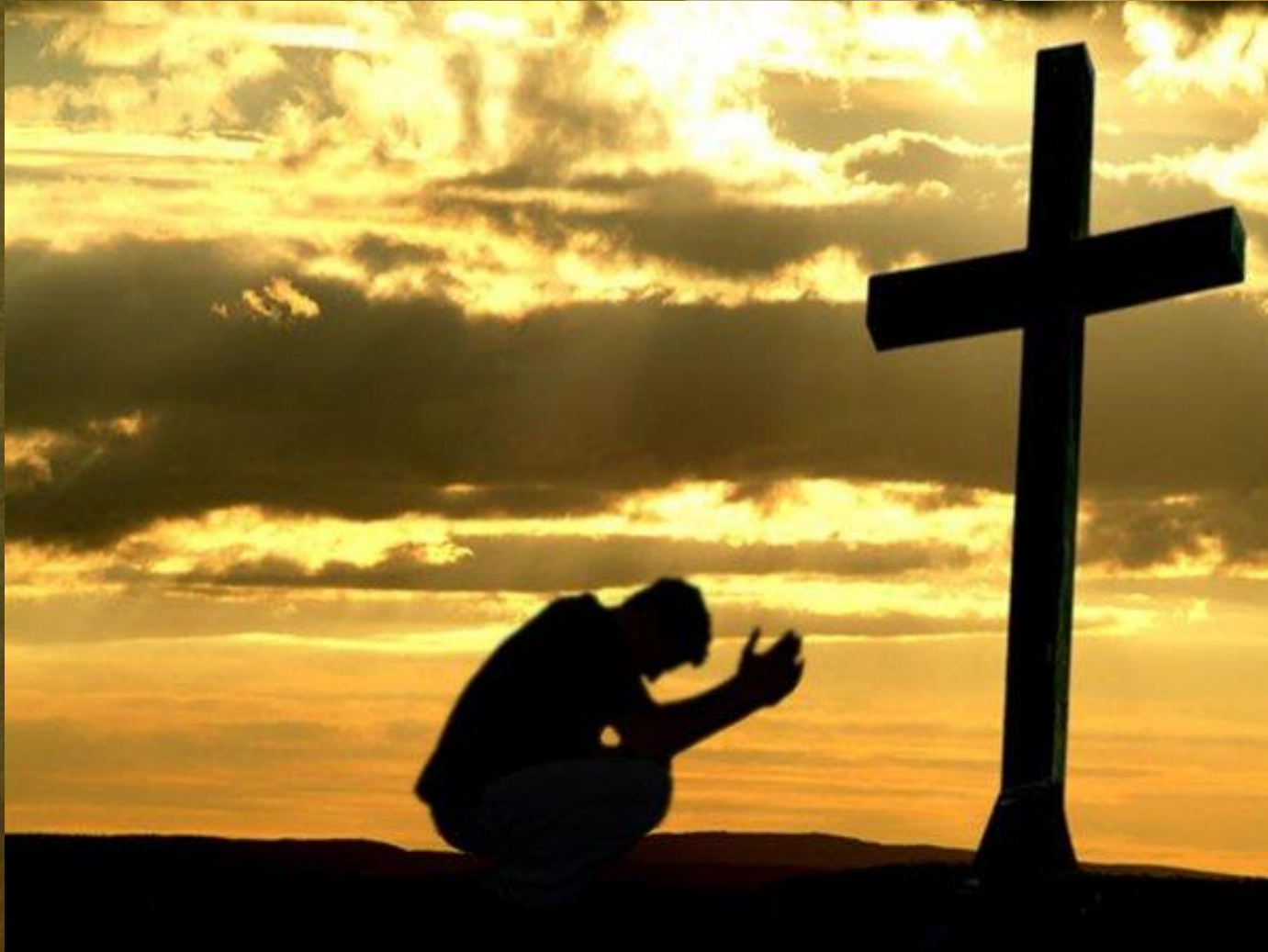
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*"You desire but do not have, so you kill.
You covet but you cannot get what you
want, so you quarrel and fight..."*

- James 4:2, NIV

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