



**Haven Community Church  
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<sup>7</sup>Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. <sup>8</sup>Come near to God and he will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. <sup>9</sup>Grieve, mourn and wail. Change your laughter to mourning and your joy to gloom. <sup>10</sup>Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up."

– James 4:7-10 (NIV)

## Double-Minded Fear

### I. Saul's Double-mindedness

- Spiritual vacuum

"Now Samuel was dead, and all Israel had mourned for him and buried him in his own town of Ramah."  
– 1 Samuel 28:3a

- Turns to legalism rather than faith

"Saul had expelled the mediums and spiritists from the land"  
– 1 Samuel 28:3b

- Fear of what could happen

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*"God doesn't always answer in the way we like or in ways we can fathom, but I believe God knows us and notices us and is willing to invest and involve himself in our lives."  
– Timothy Jones*

- Identity issues

<sup>8</sup>So Saul disguised himself, putting on other clothes, and at night he and two men went to the woman."  
– 1 Samuel 28:3a

### II. Overcoming – James 4

- Submit to God

"Submit to God and be at peace with him; in this way prosperity will come to you."  
– Job 22:21

- Resist the Devil

- Come near to God

- Worship, praise & in prayer.
- By asking counsel of God.
- Enjoying communion with God.
- In the direction & meaning of your life.

- Get clean

- Release it all

- Be changed

- Humble yourself

"All of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because, "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble."  
– 1 Peter 5:5

- Get a Shiloh lift

<sup>8</sup>Elkanah her husband would say to her, "Hannah, why are you weeping? Why don't you eat? Why are you downhearted? Don't I mean more to you than ten sons?" <sup>9</sup>Once when they had finished eating and drinking in Shiloh, Hannah stood up."  
– 1 Samuel 1:8-9