

- The one condition required for receiving grace is we acknowledge our sin and ask God to step in.

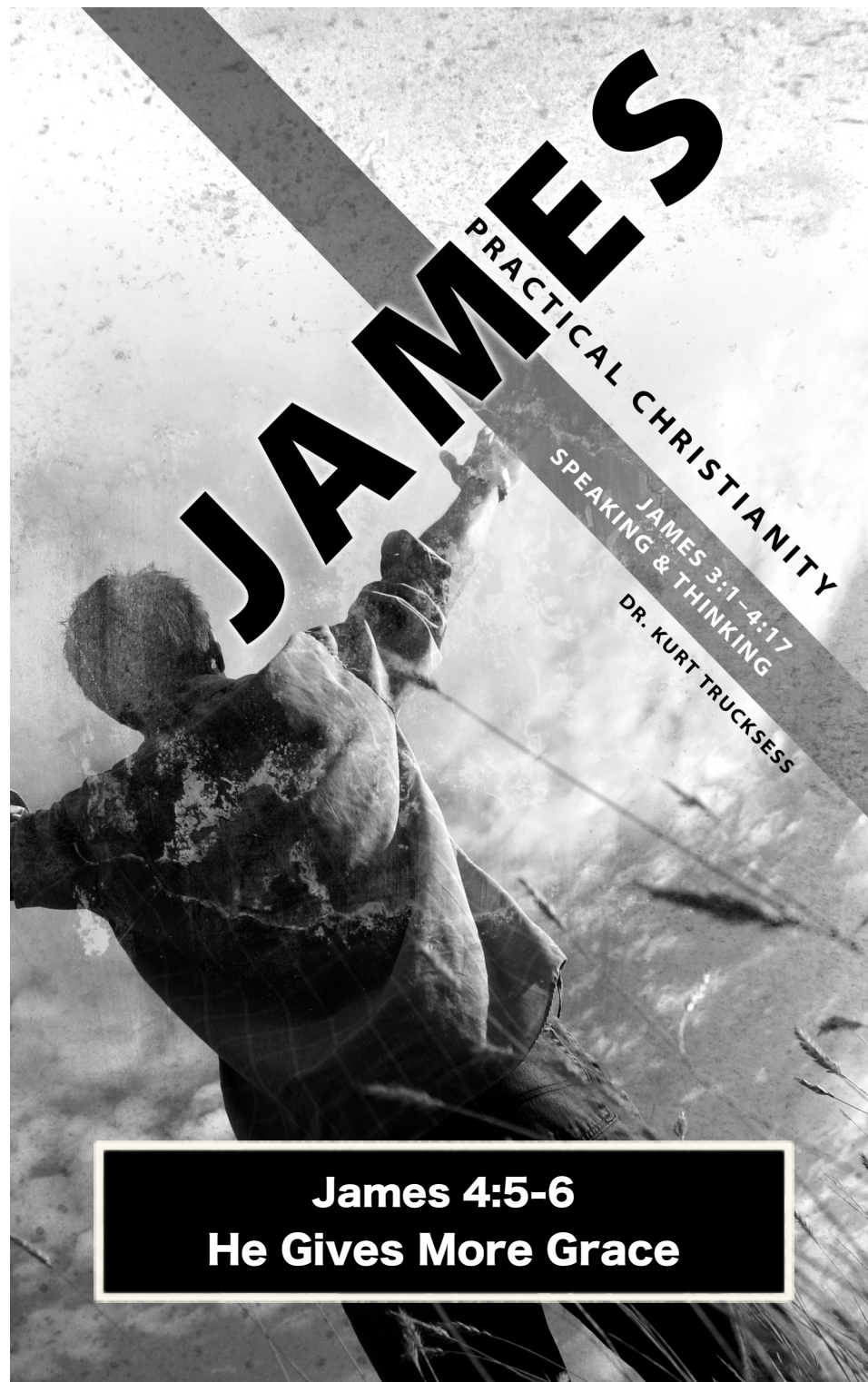
PROMISE! - God gives grace to the humble.

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died, my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride. (When I Survey the Wondrous Cross, public domain)

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James 4:5-6 - He Gives More Grace

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The Holy Spirit has a right to be jealous.

God has more grace than we have sin.

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WARNING! - God opposes the proud

Proud - Disdainfully or arrogantly thinking you are better than others.
That you are the exception to the rule.

...‘God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.’ Luke 18:11–12 (ESV)

But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’ I tell you, this man went down to his house justified, rather than the other... Luke 18:13–14 (ESV)

- Pride refuses to acknowledge a need for God.
- Pride refuses to repent of sin.
- The man or woman full of pride will not admit they need anything.
- They have no desire for repentance. That would be to acknowledge their insufficiency. That would take humility.