James 4:6-10 Categories

One attempt to identify the main categories that James addresses in this passage. What other categories would you use to describe the process the James describes? How would these categories relate to spiritual formation, the work that God does in our hearts.

⁶ But he gives us more grace. That is why Scripture says:

"God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble."

Abandonment
letting go of selfprotection and our
own efforts and
trusting ourselves to
God

The devil, and he will flee from you. Some near to God and he will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. Grieve, mourn and wail. Change your laughter to mourning and your joy to gloom. Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up.

Confidence growing trust when we see God actually at work in our weakness

Release

freedom so that the life of Christ in us overflows into the lives of others

> Repentance turning away from false ideas of life to God as our source of joy

Brokenness recognizing our selfobsession, that we are seeking broken cisterns (Jer. 2), not God as the fountain of life