

Moving Forward in Faithfulness

Discerning the Will of God

James 4:13 - 5:12

Life can become complex.

Are we running a faith race or a rat race?

1. The Presumptuous Plan of Man (4:13)

1. Man attempting to hold sovereignty in his own hand
2. Man's expectation (4:14)
3. Normalcy vs. the unknown elements of man's life

2. The Proper Plan for Man (4:15)

Application of humility and wisdom:

- a. The daily reality: "if the LORD wills"
- b. The other daily reality (4:16-17)

3. The Proper Response for Those Who Have Abused Wealth (5:1-6)

1. Call for repentance (5:1)
2. Caution regarding reality (5:2-3)
3. Prayers from the oppressed are heard (5:4)
4. Day of Reckoning is coming (5:5-6)

4. The Encouragement for the Brothers (5:7-12)

1. Be patient (5:7-8a)
2. Be fixed (5:8b-11)
3. Be trustworthy (5:12)