

Weekly Summary: Faith Works For God's Will

Humility moves all of us to plan in pencil. We have plans and goals and dreams, but we are people, not God. Therefore, we plan every bit, but say, "If God wills it!"

Homework Leading Into This Week: James 4:13-17

Scripture Reading: John 15:1-11

FaithWorks:

A Journey Through James

Week 8: Faith Works For God's Will



- ❖ James 4:13 - Now listen, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go to this or that city, spend a year there, carry on business and make money."

James 4:14 - Why, you do not even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes.

- ❖ Faith works against "I'm willing."
- ❖ James 4:15-17 - Instead, you ought to say, "If it is the Lord's will, we will live and do this or that." As it is, you boast in your arrogant schemes. All such boasting is evil. If anyone, then, knows the good they ought to do and doesn't do it, it is sin for them.



- ❖ Faith works against “God willing...”

- ❖ John 6:38 - For I have come down from heaven not to do my will but to do the will of him who sent me.



- ❖ Faith works for “God willing!”

Points to Ponder

1. Agree/Disagree—A Christian’s only goal should be to know God.
2. Read the Lord’s Prayer as Jesus taught it in Matthew 6:9-13. How does this famous prayer reinforce James’s message?
3. Challenge: Write “D.V.” in your calendar every day this week as a reminder to submit your will to God’s.
4. Read Matthew 16:21-26. Why was Peter’s will different than Jesus’ will? How do Jesus’ words shape our goals for the future?

Homework For Next Week: James 5:1-6

*“This, then, is how you should pray: Our Father in heaven...your will be done.”
~ Jesus*

Worship Through Song at The CORE:

1. “Proof Of Your Love” - by For King & Country
2. “By Faith” - by Keith & Kristyn Getty
3. “How Great Is Our God” - by Chris Tomlin
4. “Made New” - by Lincoln Brewster