

James: Season 2 – A Faith That Walks – One Life (Ja4:10-17)

1. Your Life is a Vapor (Ja4:13-15)

- A. Humble yourselves before the Lord because your life will soon be _____ (see vs.10)
1. Boasting of living a long life is prideful and evil (vs.13,16)
 2. Vapor: lit a breath, like on a cold day; like puff of smoke or steam from coffee; or like grass that withers; that is your life! Ps90:10; Ps102:11; Ps103:15-16
 3. **Consider:** we can fly to moon, AI, intricate surgeries, but not live past 150 yrs!
*No matter what we do! *Today, 160,000 people will die; about 11,000 during service!
- B. The humble person considers _____ in planning: vs.13,15
1. People plan w/out considering God's _____ (vs.13) *Humble, look to walk in God's will (vs.15)
 2. Learn from past, don't live in it; don't fear the future, you don't know what or how long it will be; all you have is _____ so live for God's will today!
*Eph5:14-17; Phil3:12-14

2. Why Sit Here Until We Die? (2Kings7 and James4)

- A. The 4 lepers – faced with the _____ of death (2Ki7:3,4)
1. Faced w/ death because of sin against God; donkey head and dung very valuable food
 2. Made a _____ based on this fact, to not just sit by and do nothing (2Ki7:5)
 3. God used these outcast lepers to defeat a mighty army, with no weapons! (2Ki7:6-8)
- B. Now they are faced with a _____ because of what God had given them... (2Ki7:9-10)
1. But wait, they were despised! Slandered! Mocked! Humiliated! Why rescue Samaria?!!!
 2. **Notice** they understood God's will and accountability with what He gave them - required forgiveness, love and compassion, to go and tell the good news!!! (see vs.9)
- C. James tells _____ the same thing in **Ja4:11-12!** The prideful and arrogant slander their brothers in Christ!
1. *Speak against*, means to slander, defame w/ lies...*judge*, to condemn... *devil* - slanderer
 2. To do this is to break God's _____, which is summed up in loving God, and others *Gal5:14-16
 3. God gives clear direction to evaluate one's fruit of life, and go to them about sin issues
 4. A faith that walks does not slander and condemn another Christian – it's pride, arrogance, hate
*Ja4:17; Col3:12-15
- D. **What will you do with your ONE LIFE?** *How will you use whatever time you have left?
1. This is a day of good news! The lepers understood their responsibility! *2King7:9!
 2. *Soccer team* in Thailand, 12 boys and coach trapped deep in cave; whole world came together!
 3. The 4 lepers were filled with compassion because of the gift they were given! *Had to go/tell!*
 4. Look what you have been given! *Eph2:1-4; Rom5:8; Rom6:23 – *Eternal salvation!!!*

* _____ mediocrity, complacency; refuse to settle and waste your ONE LIFE! **Christ died for you!!!**

* _____ loving stuff/greed/idols, sin, and gossip, slander – so Christ will use you!!! Don't grieve Holy Spirit

*What would happen if 1/3 of us reached 1 person by Labor Day, Sept? Is problem God or us?

***Quotes:** *CT Studd – “Only one life to live, it will soon pass, only what's done for Christ will last.”
(*professional athlete, left the fame and money to become a missionary to China with Hudson Taylor*)

*Jim Elliot – “He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep, to gain what he cannot lose.” (martyr)

*1Thess2:19-20!!!