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Sermon | Finding Peace in God's Purpose

Summary: It is exceedingly easy to get caught up in our own plans, both short term and long term, and miss living out God's intended purpose for us. If we were created for the purpose of worshipping the Lord and making Him known, why is it so easy to plan out the next week, month, or even year on our calendar without stopping to ask the question, "How does my plan align with the Lord's will for my life?" James gives a clear warning against arrogance and self-sufficiency, reminding us that we can't effectively plan tomorrow without the Lord because tomorrow is never guaranteed. The good news is that when we do seek the Lord's will for our lives, we can find peace in His plans for us. None of us are guaranteed tomorrow, but we can take comfort today in knowing that we are trusting the one who causes the sun to rise.

Scripture: James 4:13-17

1. There is no peace in a plan that leads you away from your purpose.

James 4:13-14 ESV

"Come now, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go into such and such a town and spend a year there and trade and make a profit"— yet you do not know what tomorrow will bring. What is your life? For you are a mist that appears for a little time and then vanishes."

2. We have peace in this life when we surrender our plans to the author of it. (v.15)

James 4:15-17 ESV

"Instead you ought to say, "If the Lord wills, we will live and do this or that." As it is, you boast in your arrogance. All such boasting is evil. So whoever knows the right thing to do and fails to do it, for him it is sin."

3. If we are not seeking the Lord's will for our lives, we are proudly planning for failure.

Life Application Sermon Questions:

1. What are examples in your life of times when you tried to pursue your own plans without seeking God's will? What was the result?
2. What does it look like to actively seek the Lord's will for your life today?
3. In what practical ways do you see the Lord's will being carried out in your life where you are right now? (In the workplace, school, home, etc.)
4. How do the "uncontrollables" of life remind you to seek God's purposes for you above your own?