

Series: BeReal.
Passage: James 4:13-17
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James 4:13-17 (ESV)

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." 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. ¹⁵ Instead, you ought to say, "If it is the Lord's will, we will live and do this or that." ¹⁶ As it is, you boast in your arrogant schemes. All such boasting is evil. ¹⁷ If anyone, then, knows the good they ought to do and doesn't do it, it is sin for them.

1. How are you actively practicing this mentality displayed in verse 13?
2. Does this bring peace or discomfort knowing that you do not have tomorrow in your hands? Why?
3. What is James trying to tell you in verse 14 when he states, "You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes"?
4. What would it look like to give up your plans for His will, daily?

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5. What is the right decision process if you are striving to align your plans with His will? Is it just a four-letter prayer (if the Lord wills), or is it more than that?
6. List ways you've been boastful in your life, then list how you could have acted differently.
7. What is God calling or nudging you to do that is good?
8. After reading James 4:13-17, how does planning your life, successes, agenda, etc., put yourself in the place of God? How is this dangerous?