

SERMON NOTES — October 18, 2020
FAITHFUL FLEXIBILITY (James 4:13-17)

Ecclesiastes 9:11-12 says _____ & _____
happen to all people, and people are trapped by
_____ times that fall unexpectedly upon them.

James 4:13-14 — Our _____ are fragile.

In fact, our very _____ our fragile.

- It's fine to make plans. But we need to remember that we do not know what will happen _____, and that our lives are only a _____ that appears briefly, then vanishes.

When we put our agenda over God's authority to change it, we make our will more important than God's will—and we become our own _____, our own _____.

FAITHFUL FLEXIBILITY is the spiritual discipline of living out **James 4:15**, saying, "If it is the Lord's _____, we will _____ and do this or that."

- When we give God the right to change our schedules, we put him in his proper place as _____ of our lives.

James 4:16 — To put our plans above God's will is _____.

Psalms 33:10-11 — God foils the plans of the _____ & thwarts the purposes of the _____, but his own plans stand firm forever.

If we make our plans without God, we end up without _____ in our plans. But if we submit them to God, he blesses, tweaks, and _____ our plans. God often has better _____ for us than we have for ourselves.

James 4:17 — If anyone knows the good they ought to do & doesn't do it, it is _____ for them.

- How does this statement apply to the way we make our plans?

Proverbs 16:3 — Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and he will _____ your plans.

Psalms 20:4 — Our prayer as we submit our plans to God: May he give you the _____ of your heart and make all your _____ succeed.