

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.