

▼ **Get Over Yourself**

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- **Read the Passage: James 4:13-17**

- **Exegetical Idea**

Don't boast about your plans for tomorrow.

- **Homiletical Idea:**

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▼ **Purpose of the Sermon (what listeners should do)**

- Recognize that your boasting overlooks God's agenda.
- Be humble about your plans for success.

▼ **Recognize that your boasting overlooks God's agenda.**

- Boasting about your plans for the future doesn't take into consideration God's agenda.
- In reality you are not ultimately in control of your future.
- God's agenda to put everything under Christ's control. How does that line up with yours?
- You can't pursue God's agenda without giving up your own. - Matthew 10:32-39; Luke 9:23-25

▼ **God's agenda involves dying (e.g. Abraham & Isaac, Joseph, Moses, David, etc.)**

- Abraham had to sacrifice Isaac.
- Jacob had to work for Laban 21 years.
- Joseph had to endure Egyptian slavery.
- Moses had to work 40 years as a shepherd.
- David had to spend years running from Saul.

▼ **Be humble about your plans for success.**

- The more you pursue your own agenda the less you will be able to pursue God's.
- Die to yourself before you pursue success.
- Make God's agenda primary - not your own success!

▼ **Discussion Questions & Topics**

- What plans for success have you spoken about recently?
- In what ways do you see yourself in this passage?
- What specific changes is God calling you to make right now?

▼ **What we're reading and why we're reading it.**

- We're reading the New Testament in chronological order (the order in which the books were probably written) rather than canon order (the order in which they appear in the Bible).
- This will help us to understand the good news of God's Kingdom and how it spreads.

▼ **The Gospels**

- The events related in the gospels took place around 30 A.D.
- The gospels themselves were not written down until several years after Galatians and James.
- The gospels describe the initial announcement of God's Kingdom by Jesus and his death, burial, and resurrection through which he was established as the world's Lord.

▼ **Acts**

- Covers period from Jesus' resurrection (30 A.D.) through its establishment in Rome (63 A.D.).
- So far we are dealing with the church as it was at about Acts 15.

▼ **Galatians - written A.D. 49 (contemporaneously with Acts 14 - 15)**

- The churches in Galatia were composed mostly of gentiles (i.e. non-Jews) who had responded to the proclamation of the gospel by Paul and others.
- Judaizers told the gentiles to become Jews first in order to follow Jesus.
- Paul teaches them to put their faith in Christ and not the law.

▼ **James - written A.D. 50 (contemporaneously with Acts 14 - 15)**

- Many of the Jewish believers had been scattered through Judea and Samaria as a result of the persecution described in Acts 8:1-3.
- James wrote to help correct some misunderstandings about salvation by faith and to give them guidance about living under pressure.