**Faith at Work: A Study in James Series May 1, 2022**

**Planning by God’s Will**

1. Avoid the **foolishness** of ignoring God’s will James 4:13-14

2. Avoid the **arrogance** of denying God’s will James 4:16

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	+ Bragging about your own ability to plan without the Lord’s guidance is a deadly slope
	+ All arrogance is sin from which Christ followers must repent

3. Avoid the **sin of disobeying** God’s will James 4:17

4. Enjoy the **blessing of following** God’s will James 4:15

**What is God’s will for my life?**

1. God desires to **save your soul**

* + John 6:40
	“For this is the will of My Father, that everyone who beholds the Son and believes in Him will have eternal life, and I Myself will raise him up on the last day.”

2. God desires your **obedience to His Word**

* + 1 Corinthians 7:19b
	W*hat matters is* the keeping of the commandments of God.

3. God desires you to grow spiritually

* + 1 Thessalonians 4:3
	For this is the will of God, your sanctification.

4. God desires you to **repent of all sin**

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	For the sorrow that is according to *the will of* God produces a repentance without regret, *leading* to salvation, but the sorrow of the world produces death.

5. God desires that you **endure hardships and suffering**

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6. God desires you to **serve Him in all that you do**

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