

FROM THE PASTORS DESK

DO NOT LOSE HOPE

Reading from **James 4:13-17**.

In these verses, James counsels men against the foolishness of making plans without consideration for the will of God in the matter.

All James is saying is that you and I can make any plans we wish to make, but God always has the final say in the matter.

Then, when we learn His plans for the situation, and we make our plans based on His plans, we find out that He had the best plan all along!

But, we humans like to make our plans, don't we?

We want things to go the way we want them to go. But, have you ever thought that God might have a better plan?

1. When Peter and the others had fished all night without catching a fish, Jesus told them to go out into the deep water and they would catch fish, **Luke 5:4-8**. Peter's plan was to forget fishing for that day and go home. But, when he obeyed the Lord, he found out that God had the best plan!
2. When Jesus told His disciples that He was going to die, Peter rebuked the Lord, **Matt. 16:21-23**. Peter thought he had a good plan, but when Jesus went to the cross and paid for sins forever, Peter found out that God had the best plan.
3. When Goliath saw David coming to meet him for battle, he had plans to kill David and feed his carcass to the scavengers of the field, **2 Sam. 17**. But, when that stone sank deep into his forehead and he fell to the earth dead, he found out that God had the best plan!
4. When Israel sent spies into Canaan and saw the giants that lived there, **Num 13-14**, they made plans to find themselves a new leader to go back to Egypt. But, over the next forty years, as they died one by one in the wilderness, they learned that God has the best plan.