Moving Forward in Faithfulness

Discerning the Will of God

James 4:13 - 5:12

Life can become complex.
Are we running a faith race or a rat race?

1. The Presumptuous Plan of Man (4:13)
   1. Man attempting to hold sovereignty in his own hand
   2. Man’s expectation (4:14)
   3. Normalcy vs. the unknown elements of man’s life

2. The Proper Plan for Man (4:15)
   Application of humility and wisdom:
   a. The daily reality: “if the LORD wills”
   b. The other daily reality (4:16-17)

3. The Proper Response for Those Who Have Abused Wealth (5:1-6)
   1. Call for repentance (5:1)
   2. Caution regarding reality (5:2-3)
   3. Prayers from the oppressed are heard (5:4)
   4. Day of Reckoning is coming (5:5-6)

4. The Encouragement for the Brothers (5:7-12)
   1. Be patient (5:7-8a)
   2. Be fixed (5:8b-11)
   3. Be trustworthy (5:12)

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VERSE 1
Holy words long preserved
For our walk in this world;
They resound with God’s own heart,
O, let the ancient words impart
Words of life. Words of hope
Give us strength, help us cope.
In this world, where’er we roam,
Ancient words will guide us home

chorus
Ancient words ever true,
Changing me and changing you.
We have come with open hearts,
O, let the ancient words impart.

VERSE 2
Holy words of our faith
Handed down to this age,
Came to us through sacrifice;
O, heed the faithful words of Christ.
Holy words long preserved
For our walk in this world,
They resound with God’s own heart;
O, let the ancient words impart.