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SERMON TITLE	WHEN FAITH PRESUMES
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SERIES	REAL FAITH COSTS
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KEY SCRIPTURE	James 4:11-5:6
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SYNOPSIS	The things you're most sure of — your judgments, your plans, your money — may be the very things you need to hold loosest.
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HIGHLIGHTS	
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BIG IDEA

Presumption doesn't always look like arrogance. Sometimes it looks like certainty — about people, about tomorrow, about what's yours.

"But you who judge your neighbor — who are you?" (James 4:12)

Notes:

HAND BACK THE GAVEL

Judging someone means deciding you're the one who gets the final word. There's only one Lawgiver and Judge — and it isn't you.

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Notes:

YOU DON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT TOMORROW LOOKS LIKE

Your life is a mist — here, then gone. Planning isn't the problem. Certainty is.

"You do not even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are a mist." (James 4:14)

Notes:

IT'S NOT ABOUT THE WORDS, IT'S ABOUT THE GRIP

"If the Lord wills" isn't a phrase to say. It's a posture to hold — open hands instead of a fist around your own plans.

"Instead, you ought to say, 'If it is the Lord's will, we will live and do this or that.'" (James 4:15)

Notes:



DON'T LET YOUR MONEY TESTIFY AGAINST YOU

It's not about having wealth — it's about how you got it. What you hoard doesn't protect you. It testifies against you.

"The cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord Almighty." (James 5:4)

Notes:

MAKE IT PERSONAL

Where's your hand still closed — around a verdict, a plan, or something you're not ready to let go of?

"Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up." (James 4:10)

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