



Have you ever wondered how a relationship that started out so good got so messy and difficult? In this series from the book of James, *Relationslips*, we'll identify five lies that will ruin relationships. We'll also discover God's truth, that when believed and applied to our lives, will set us free and bring peace and joy to our relationships.

1. "When we make plans without God people get hurt." Do you agree/disagree with this statement? Give an example.
2. Read James 4:13-17. This passage teaches, don't make any plans without God, instead make them with God.
3. Presumption is trusting something that is uncertain to be certain. Looking at v.13 what presumptions are being made?
4. Looking at v.14 why is it wrong for us to make presumptions about the future?
5. Looking at v.16 what is the root cause of presumption? Why is it arrogant to believe the lie, "I'm the one who controls my future?"
6. When have you been guilty of the sin of presumption? Who was hurt by this?
7. The way we make our plans with God is by submitting all our plans to His sovereign will (v.15). How do we do that? What does this look like lived out?
8. The other way we make our plans with God is by always doing what God tells us to do (v.17). What are the good things that God tells us to do that we ignore? When we fail to do the right thing that God tells us to do, what does God call this (v.17)?
9. Christianity is trusting in the certainty of Jesus Christ in the midst of the uncertainty of life. If you've hurt others by making plans without God, spend time confessing your pride, presumption and sin, asking him to forgive you. (You will also need to go to those whom you've hurt and ask them to forgive you.) Going forward, will you resolve, with God's help, to make your plans with God?