



Being Undivided In Your Plans // Jeff Brodie // July 12, 2026

You have a plan for your life about where you want to be, how you need things to turn out, what has to happen for everything to feel okay. But are your plans simply an attempt to control the future or get what you want? James doesn't tell you your plans are wrong, he just points out that a life built entirely around your own agenda is a house of cards. This week we're looking at what it actually means to hold your plans openly and why that might be the most freeing thing you've ever done.

Bottom Line: An undivided heart plans wisely but trusts God completely.

Scripture: [James 4:13-5:7 NLT](#)

Digging In:

1. Think about a time when one of your carefully made plans completely fell apart. Looking back, what did that experience teach you?
2. Read **James 4:13-17**. James doesn't condemn planning itself. What does he seem to be confronting instead?
3. The message suggested that *"a divided heart trusts God with heaven but not with Monday."* It's easy to trust God with the things that you can't do anything about, but it's harder to trust him with the things you can. Where do you see that temptation in your own life?
4. Read **James 5:1-6**. Why do you think James follows his warning about planning with a warning about wealth? How are those two passages connected?
5. The sermon said, *"The greatest spiritual danger of wealth isn't having too much; it's believing you need God less."* Do you agree? Why or why not? What role do you think generosity plays?
6. The message asked an important question: **"What are you trusting to convince yourself you'll be okay?"** How would you answer that honestly today?
7. Share a story about a season when something you depended on (a job, finances, health, a relationship, success, or your own plans) suddenly became uncertain. What happened to your trust in God during that season?

8. Read **Romans 8:31-39**. The sermon concluded that *our deepest future is already secure in Christ, even when life isn't okay*. How does that truth change the way we think about planning, success, or uncertainty?
9. What is one area of your life right now where you've been planning without intentionally inviting God into the process?
10. The message encouraged us to "**plan like a farmer and pray like a farmer**." What might that look like practically for you this week?
11. Is there one practical way you can demonstrate that your security is in God rather than your possessions or success? (Examples: generosity, slowing down to pray before making a decision, treating someone with greater compassion, releasing control in an area of anxiety.)

Moving Forward:

This week, choose one plan you're currently making (financial, family, work, school, or personal) and intentionally invite God into it.

Spend at least 10 minutes each day praying over that area before making decisions. Rather than only asking God to bless your plan, ask:

- "Lord, what do You want?"
- "Where am I trusting myself more than You?"
- "Help me hold these plans with open hands."

Prayer Prompts:

- **Pray for surrender.** Ask God to reveal areas where you've been relying on your own plans, abilities, or resources more than on Him.
- **Pray for trust.** Thank Jesus that because of His death and resurrection, your deepest future is already secure, even when life feels uncertain.
- **Pray for an undivided heart.** Ask the Holy Spirit to help you plan wisely, trust deeply, and treat people with generosity and compassion rather than seeing them as obstacles or opportunities.