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“Do not boast about tomorrow, for you do not know what a day may bring forth” (Proverbs 27:1).

How often do we make our plans, expecting every day to be just as we imagine it to be? Of course, we know how that works. There’s certainly nothing wrong with making plans. “The plans of the diligent lead to profit” (Proverbs 21:5). It’s not right, however, to boast about tomorrow. Boasting about tomorrow infers that we are in control of tomorrow – we aren’t. James says, “Now listen you who say today or tomorrow we will go to this or that city, spend a year there, carry on business and make money. Why, you do not even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes. Instead, you ought to say, ‘If it is the Lord’s will, we will live and do this or that. As it is, you boast in your arrogant schemes. All such boasting is evil’” (James 4:13-16).

Job, in the depth of his trial, said, “My days have passed, my plans are shattered, and so are the desires of my heart” (Job 17:11). Our plans can be shattered or just set aside for a time but it is the Lord’s purpose that prevails. “There is no wisdom, no insight, no plan that can succeed against the Lord” (Proverbs 21:30). That’s why James says we ought to say “if it is the Lord’s will.” When we think and speak as such, we are admitting that God is in charge; He has control; He is Lord. And, when we do so, even in our daily planning, we are acknowledging that He is with us – in everything. That’s good news!

The widow in the village of Nain was planning to bury her son. The crowds came to Mary and Martha’s house planning to help them mourn. Peter didn’t plan on a boatload of fish when he brought Jesus aboard, and the servants didn’t plan on water being changed into wine. “Many are the plans in a man’s heart, but it is the Lord’s purpose that prevails” (Proverbs 19:21). God changed all their plans into something more beautiful than they could have imagined.

We don’t know what a day may bring forth; most will go as planned, but even if our plans lay shattered at our feet know that God is there, and He has a plan for our tomorrow.