

## Future Perspective

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**JAMES**  
FAITH / WORKS

### WARM UP

Looking back at your life, what was something that you counted on happening that didn't materialize?

### COMING UP

[GRACEPOLARIS.ORG/CALENDAR](http://GRACEPOLARIS.ORG/CALENDAR)

**Summer Bible Study** Wednesdays, June 9–August 4 • 6:45 p.m. • MC 3–4 • To RSVP, visit [GracePolaris.org/Summer](http://GracePolaris.org/Summer) or text “Summer” to 614-888-7733.

**Young Adults Lake Night** Friday, June 18 • 6:00 p.m. • Alum Creek State Park Beach (3400 Lewis Center Road in Lewis Center) • All young adults (ages 18–25) are invited! Bring a friend.

**The Father & Child Retreat** Friday–Sunday, July 23–25 • Mohican Wilderness (Glenmont, Ohio) To register by July 7 for \$50 per person, visit [FatherChildRetreat.com](http://FatherChildRetreat.com) or text “FCR” to 614-888-7733.

### WITNESS

- Who are the people in your sphere of influence you're praying will come to know Jesus?
- Share any progress/updates. Pray together for God to use you and your Grace Group to influence these people for Jesus.

### EXPLORE

- 1 Initiative and planning can both be beneficial traits. How so? How can each of them also hurt or hinder a believer?
- 2 Some people read James 4:13 and conclude that a desire to pursue business and make money is a selfish, even sinful, pursuit. Do you agree? Why or why not?
- 3 What are some specific ways in which you or people in your stage of life are tempted to presume upon the future as you plan?
- 4 James warns against presumption but does not discount planning. What's the difference?
- 5 An approach to the future that is driven either by presumption (arrogance) or anxiety (fear) dishonors the Lord. Which approach are you most prone toward? What would your friends or family say?
- 6 How is the sovereignty of God a liberating reality rather than a confining one (4:15)?
- 7 What are some ways in which you've been reminded of the brevity and unpredictability of life in the recent past?

### PRAY

Pray that you would live each moment and anticipate the future with God's purpose and glory in mind.