

## DECLARATION OF DEPENDENCE

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- *Read James 4:13-5:6.* What can you deduce about the people James is addressing? What are they doing that causes James to respond?
- What areas of life are addressed in 4:13? How do you engage in these or similar actions?
- What image does James use for human life (v. 14)? If we took this to heart, how would it impact our planning for the future?
- Why, according to James, should the rich weep and wail? What are they doing that draws a sharp rebuke from James? What consequences await them?
- Where do you see workers and harvesters still treated unjustly today? How does the hoarding or self-indulgence of wealthy individuals and societies take advantage of the poor in our world?
- Because wealth is relative and we can always think of someone who has more than we do, how do we overcome the temptation to excuse ourselves too quickly from James's rebuke?
- What are ways we can work to keep the money we spend from furthering the economic oppression of others? How can we engage in socially conscious spending and investing?
- What is something in the future for which you are currently planning and working? What would it look like in practical terms to live out James's admonition in 4:15, saying *Deo volente* ("God willing")?
- What is God calling you to do in response to this Scripture? How can your small group or others pray for you about this?

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