

# JUDGE JESUS

*Just do it week 5*

**Scripture: JAMES 4:11-17**

**11 Don't speak evil against each other, dear brothers and sisters. If you criticize and judge each other, then you are criticizing and judging God's law. But your job is to obey the law, not to judge whether it applies to you. 12 God alone, who gave the law, is the Judge. He alone has the power to save or to destroy. So what right do you have to judge your neighbor?**

**13 Look here, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we are going to a certain town and will stay there a year. We will do business there and make a profit." 14 How do you know what your life will be like tomorrow? Your life is like the morning fog—it's here a little while, then it's gone. 15 What you ought to say is, "If the Lord wants us to, we will live and do this or that." 16 Otherwise you are boasting about your own pretentious plans, and all such boasting is evil.**

**17 Remember, it is sin to know what you ought to do and then not do it.**

## **ILLUSTRATION //**

Have you ever made elaborate plans and then something happens that ruins your entire plan? Or did you ever really want to do something as a profession but realize that plan wouldn't work. For me I wanted to be an NBA Player but now I realize that was never in the cards for me and God had better plans. *(Tell a personal story of when your plans got completely changed and it was super frustrating but then looking back you realize that it was for the best or tell a story of what you thought you wanted to do with your life and it got changed.)*

**Connection:** Have you ever heard the phrase "You make plans and God laughs." This is because it is true. I am sure God finds it very amusing when we come up with these big elaborate plans for our life when all along He knows what He is going to do with us. He must just look down and giggle and say "Oh my silly child, one day you will see."

## **MAIN POINT// LOVING JESUS STARTS WITH OBEDIENCE**

- Obeying Jesus and following His law is called "first love" and this is the only type of love that Jesus will accept. First love says That Jesus and His law will be first priority every second of our lives. John 14:21 says, **"Those who accept my commandments and obey them are the ones who love me. And because they love me, my Father will love them. And I will love them and reveal myself to each of them."**

When we obey Jesus, He will reveal Himself to us, how incredible is that? This is why we must understand just how important obedience is before we can understand His plans for us and before we can understand why judging others is so bad. This is because we have to...

**POINT 1 // Let Jesus be the judge**

**James 4:12** “God alone, who gave the law, is the Judge. He alone has the power to save or to destroy. So what right do you have to judge your neighbor?”

The term “only God can Judge me” is true but what is also true is that only God can judge others as well, that is not up to us! We do not know what other people are going through that might make them do something or make them act a certain way. God is all seeing and all knowing, we are NONE of those things therefore it is not our job to judge anyone, our job is be obedient to God and His law. You a terrible judge, Let Jesus be the Judge!

## **POINT 2 // Let God make your plans**

Now I am not saying you can never have a plan to do anything ever. Cause some of y'all would be like “I don't think the Lord wants me to go to school.” What I am saying is a relationship with Jesus requires **communication**. Do not make any monumental changes or plans in your life without praying about it. Jesus wants to be apart of your decision making process.

**Why is this so important? Because we do not have a lot of time on this earth: Verse 14. Says, “Your life is like the morning fog—it's here a little while, then it's gone.”**

**As a young person you may think you have all the time in the world, but let me tell you, LIFE MOVES FAST! God only gives us so much time on this earth to make an impact. (Tell a personal story about life moving fast here and tie it in with the illustration)**

### **ILLUSTRATION //**

**Use a large string or rope and put some electrical tape on the end of it and let the rope hang off the end of the stage or just make it to where the rest of the string or rope is very long. (Francis Chan has a good example on YouTube)**

This rope represents your whole life, but this part with the tape represents the time you have on earth. The rest of the rope represents the rest of your life in eternity in heaven. You only have this short amount of time to impact the rest of your eternity.

Some of you are wasting that time. You're worried about what boy or girl can I impress, how can I become more popular or play more video games etc... When in reality you should be concerned with where your are going to spend eternity and where your friends are going to spend eternity. **Our time on this earth is SHORT, what are you going to do with your time to make an eternal impact?**

#### **CONCLUSION:**

Life is too short to just go through the motions like so many of us do. God has a plan for each person in the room, have confidence in that! He knows exactly what He wants to do with your life, it is just up too us to listen and obey and follow His lead. Follow His plan and not our own plan or the plan that seems amazing but does not involve God. He wants to be apart of not just your everyday, but your every moment. However, it is up to you to invite Him in. Im not just talking about being saved but I am talking about a daily walk with the Lord, I am talking about a love for Jesus that puts Him first every second of every day!

#### **HEALTH CHECK/ALTAR CALL: Call leaders to the front for prayer**

**-Are you putting Jesus first everyday? In every moment?**

**-Are you someone who is constantly judging others?**

**-Are you someone who has some big decisions and plans coming up and you need the Lords direction?**

**-Are you someone who is wasting the time God has blessed you with?**

**-Are you Someone who wants to make an eternal impact?**

#### **ALTAR**

- Give call for salvation, prayer over questions above, worship