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A letter to the
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James

Lesson 20- Men to Men Bible
Study

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James 4:13-17

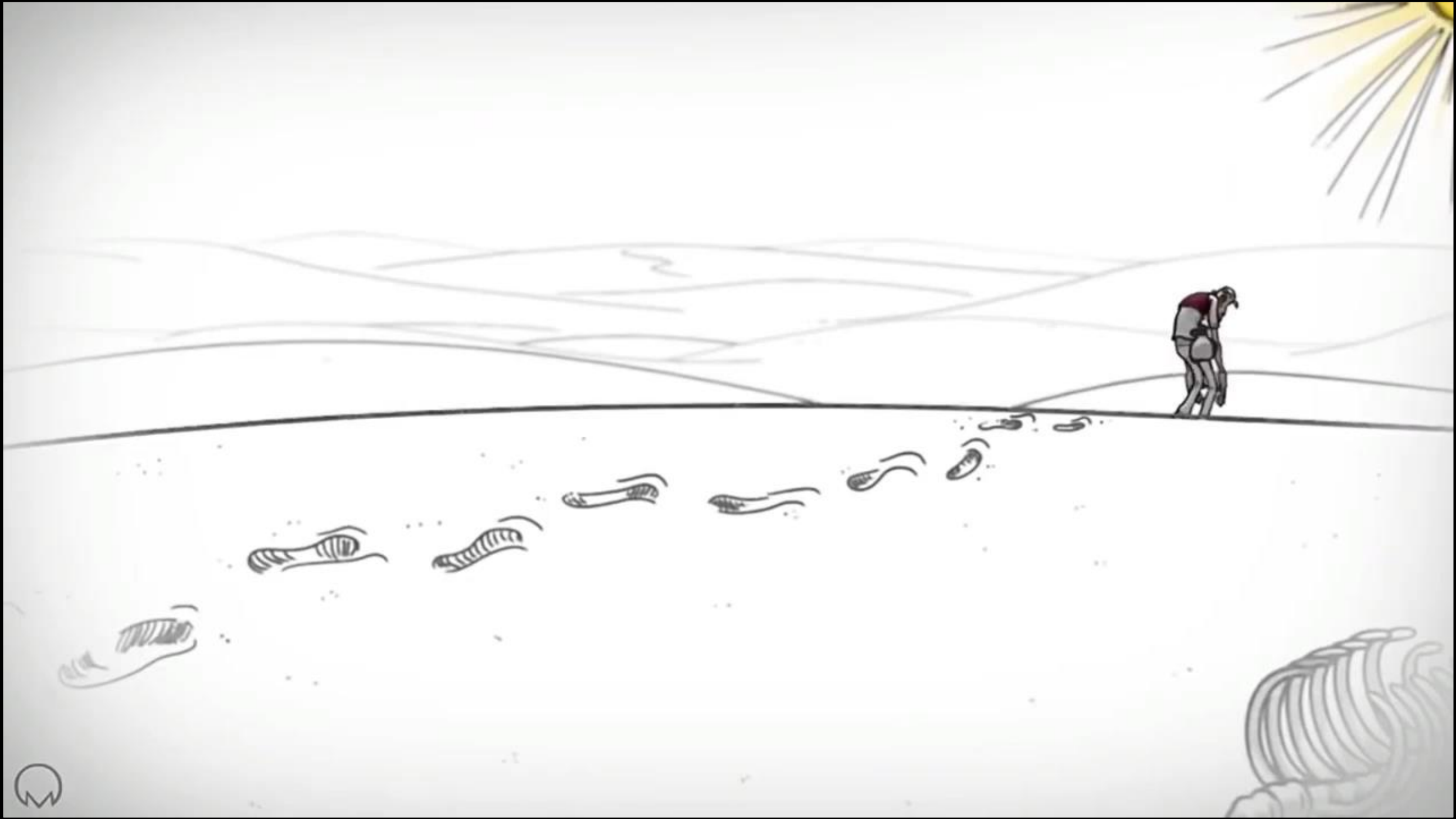
Mistaken Confidence



MEN'S
MINISTRY

PRAYER





James 4:13-17 NASB

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Judgment of
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Is planning wrong?

Proverbs 16:9 – We can make our plans, but the Lord determines our steps.

Proverbs 27:1 – Do not boast about tomorrow, for you do not know what a day may bring.

Proverbs 3:5-6 – Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.

Isaiah 46:9-10 – Remember the former things, those of long ago; I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like me. I make known the end from the beginning, from ancient times, what is still to come. I say, ‘My purpose will stand, and I will do all that I please.

Romans 1:10 – In my prayers at all times; and I pray that now at last by God’s will the way may be opened for me to come to you.

**What is
the Plan?**

What is
Your Plan?

CAREFUL IN YOUR PLANS

- Beware of Self-Centered Planning
- Beware of Self-Confident
Presumption
- Beware of Self-Complacent
Procrastination