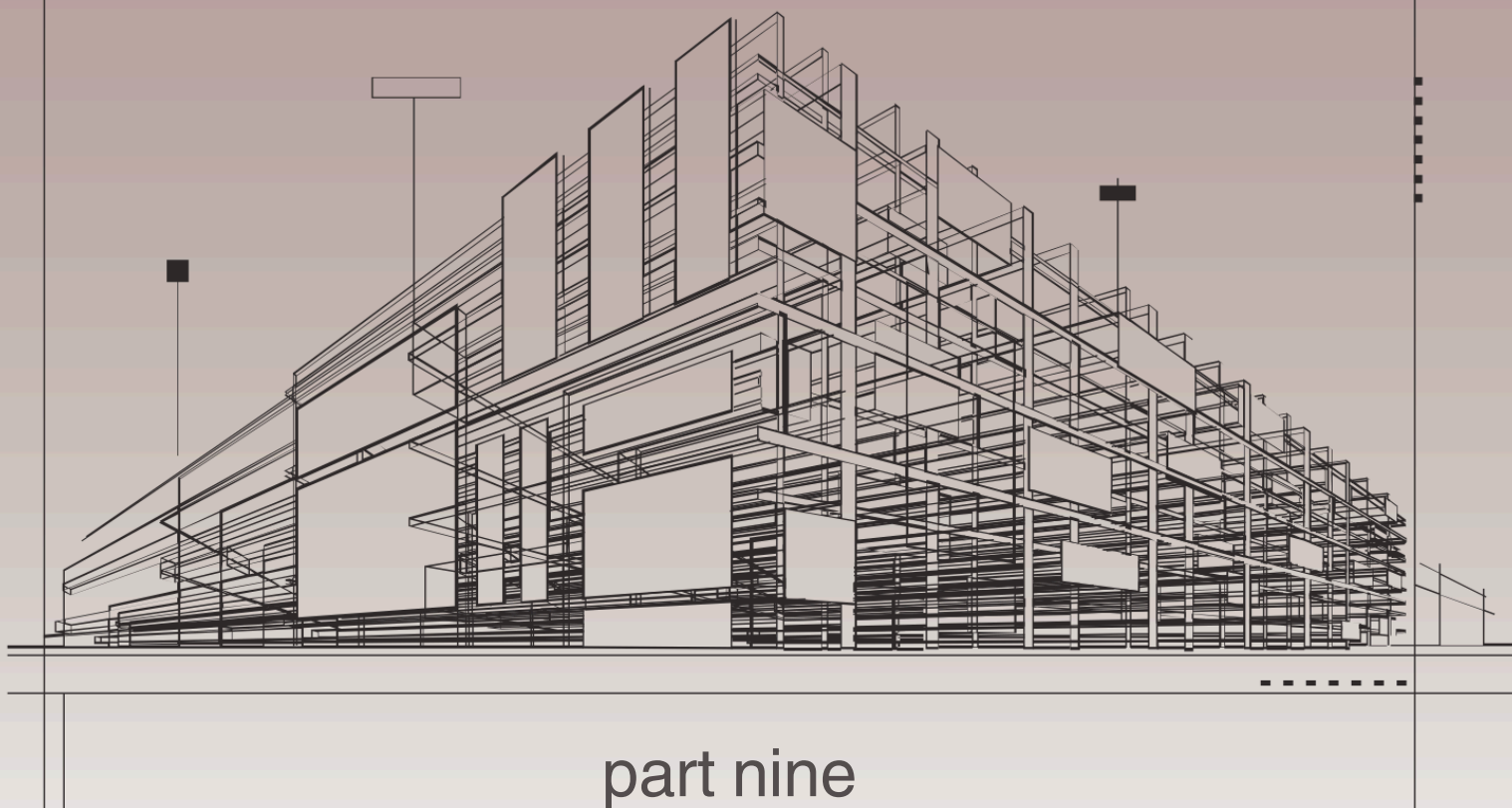


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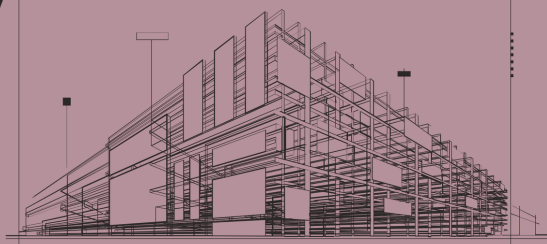
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Discussion



Open Up

When did you first become aware of your own mortality? What was that like?

Dig In

Read James 4:13-17. James addresses the arrogance and presumptuous nature of the ‘arrogant merchant’ by saying, “You are a mist...” Do you ever have moments where you ‘remember your death’ (*Memento Moriendi*), or is that something you try to avoid? Why do you think that is?

How might remembering that we are “mist” (James 4), and learning to “number our days” lead to a heart of wisdom (Psalm 90:12)?

In James 4:17 we read, “*If anyone, then, knows the good they ought to do and doesn’t do it, it is sin for them.*” Are there ways you are tempted to live in ‘planning ahead mode’ that might make you prone to miss the good things God has right in front of you, right now?

What might some of those ‘good things’ be for you? What action could you take to lean in and do those things?

Read James 5:1-6, plus 7. How is this text good news for you? How is this a challenge for you - maybe for you to care about injustices toward the poor in a way you haven’t to this point?

Pray

Take some time to thank God that He is just and generous toward us. Share your requests and pray for them. Ask God to help us, as a community, be those who are not presumptuous in our planning, but to be those who trust God for every detail of our life together.