



Sermon Discussion Guide

07.27.25 Message | Ryan Wiemelt | James 5:7-20

Key Scripture (ESV)

“Be patient therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient about it, until it receives the early and the late rains. You also, be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand. Do not grumble against one another, brothers, so that you may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing at the door. As an example of suffering and patience, brothers, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. Behold, we consider those blessed who remained steadfast. You have heard of the steadfastness of Job, and you have seen the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful.

But above all, my brothers, do not swear, either by heaven or by earth or by any other oath, but let your “yes” be yes and your “no” be no, so that you may not fall under condemnation.

Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praise. Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed.

The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working. Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and heaven gave rain, and the earth bore its fruit.

My brothers, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and someone brings him back, let him know that whoever brings back a sinner from his wandering will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.”

- James 5:7–20 ESV

Conversation Starter

Where in your life do you find it hardest to be patient right now? Why?

Discuss the Message

How has the Spirit spoken to you through this passage or sermon?

Think Deeper

1. What stands out to you about the farmer analogy? How does it help you visualize spiritual endurance?
 2. Why do you think James connects patience with the coming of the Lord?
 3. How does grumbling affect your ability to endure?
 4. What's the connection between honesty in speech ("yes be yes") and spiritual maturity?
 5. What does James teach us about prayer? How do you see confession, healing and power interwoven?
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Think Life Change

1. Where do you need to slow down and re-establish your heart in God's promises?
 2. Is there an area of your life where your speech lacks integrity? What's one way you can grow in that area this week?
 3. How can you shift from self-reliance to spiritual-reliance in times of suffering?
 4. What would it look like to bring your whole emotional life—joy and pain—to God in prayer?
 5. Who is someone in your life you could confess to or pray with for mutual healing?
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Think Engage

1. How can your group better function as a place of prayer, confession and restoration?
 2. What would it look like to be bold and faithful in prayer like Elijah?
 3. Is there someone you know who is spiritually wandering? What's a step you can take to gently bring them back?
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Think Kingdom

James ends with a call to rescue those who have wandered from the truth.

How does this reflect the heart of God and his Kingdom mission, and how can your group participate in that redemptive work this week?