



## “Patience in Suffering”

James 5:7-11

Week of August 2, 2020

### **I. Be Patient – The Lord is coming**

What is the topic introduced in James 5:7? What is this patience in response to according to James 5:10?

The Greek word for “patience” combines the words *long* and *temper*. Why is this helpful in defining patience?

How do you define patience?

What does it tell you about patience that it is listed in Galatians 5:22-23?

What does Romans 8:28 tell us about suffering and patience in suffering?

How does the Lord’s coming impact our perspective on suffering?

What is the reminder given to us in John 16:33?

### **II. Be Patient and Persevere**

What does James 5:8 connect patience to?

How do you define “stand firm”?

Why can a Christian stand firm according to Philippians 4:13?

What do James 1:2-4 and Romans 5:3-4 tell us about the work of patience and perseverance in our lives?

How does being patient remind us of God’s timing?

### **III. Be Patient and Gracious**

What does James 5:9 tell us not to do? How would you define this?

How is this related to being patient in suffering?

Why is suffering something that leads to grumbling against others?

How do people disappoint us as we go through difficult times?

What does James say will happen to the grumblers in James 5:9?

### **IV. Be Patient and Remember**

Whom does James 5:10 mention needed to be patient in suffering?

What individual does James refer to in James 5:11? What happened to Job? How did Job persevere?

Why is it important to recognize that Biblical men and women of God also needed to be patient in suffering?

What does the last phrase of James 5:11 tell us about the Lord?

The phrase “full of compassion” means “deep in one’s affections” or “being held close to one’s heart.” What does that tell you about God?

How does this impact your view of patience in suffering?

What does it mean that God is full of mercy in James 5:11? How does God show mercy to us in the midst of suffering?