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## James 5:7-12 (ESV)

### Patience in Suffering

<sup>7</sup> 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. <sup>8</sup> You also, be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand. <sup>9</sup> Do not grumble against one another, brothers, so that you may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing at the door. <sup>10</sup> As an example of suffering and patience, brothers, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. <sup>11</sup> 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.

<sup>12</sup> 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.

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1. Where have you had to practice patience in waiting? What did you do to keep you busy while you waited? Was it time well spent or God honoring?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. Patience is both a command and a Fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23) How do these two ideas fit together?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. Verse 8 says to “establish your heart” for the coming of the Lord is at hand. In your own words, what does this mean? What steps must you take to establish your heart?

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4. Generations have waited for Jesus to return. How would you describe what it is like for you to wait for the return of the Lord?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
5. In discussing patience, why does James insert a seeming random thought about grumbling against one another in verse 9? How should being patient affect our speech?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
6. Verses 10 and 11 mention the prophets of the Lord who remained steadfast through suffering, particularly Job. What other prophets or bible characters can you think of who suffered with patient endurance?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
7. How can your language and the words you use affect other people? Where can you use help in simply letting your “yes” be “yes” and your “no”, “no”?