



## James | Be Patient

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### Reflect + Discuss

- Have you ever house sat, dog sat, borrowed and/or cared for something for a while? How do you treat something borrowed differently than something you own?
- Is there anything you work hard at even though you may not see progress for a long time (e.g.: gardening, caring for children, building a home, justice initiatives, other things)? How do you keep yourself working hard even when you know results are far off?
- Read James 5:1-6. Who are these verses speaking to and what is it saying?
- Read James 5:7-9. Why is it important for us to be patient? How does that relate to grumbling? What do you think these verses could be saying to us today more than 1000 years after it was written?
- Read James 5:10-11. Think of a time when you or a loved one has persevered. How has that experience shaped that person?
- Read James 5:12. Why is it important that we keep our word?
- If you knew that Jesus was returning soon (in a year, 5 years, or 10 years), how might you live your life differently? Are there any of those things you think you could implement now?

### Pray

- Pray that we would have patience in suffering, humility and compassion in prosperity, and that in all things we would treat one another in a way that is honoring to God. Pray that we would keep in mind the scope of eternity and remember that our lives are short, but Christ's kingdom is everlasting. Pray that we would act, think, and speak in accordance with that reality.

### Next Steps

- Check out the [resources page](#) for links to several Bible reading plans and other helpful tools. Explore other opportunities for growth and transformation by checking out [courses](#).