

Patience in Suffering
James 5:7-12

1. _____ of patience – vv. 7-11

A. Standing firm (Farmer) – vv. 8-9

B. Persisting (Prophets) – v.10

C. Persevering (Job) – v. 11

2. _____ of patience – v. 12

To Go

1. Make a list of all the ways you have or are suffering. Take some time and thank God, knowing that suffering reminds us of our desperate need for Him.
2. Read 1 Peter 4:12-16. What else do you learn about suffering?
3. Tell your spouse or a friend of all the ways God is good.
4. Memorize Romans 8:28.

At Home Study Guide

For the week of November 12, 2017

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This fall we will consider the book of James and its application to us today. As you study the passage, look beyond your notes to glean more truth from this passage by using these questions, so that you know God better!

Context: After a warning to the rich, why would James then write about patience in suffering in these verses?

Observation: His chief analogy in this passage is the farmer. Consider the patience of the farmer and how this analogy from creation helps to illustrate patience.

Meaning: If 5:1-6 was written to oppressive landowners, and these verses address those who are oppressed, then what is the principle that he gives to respond to oppression?

Application: How does understanding the gospel, and the end to which we look forward, help us in suffering? How does God's compassion and mercy help?