UNTIL JESUS RETURNS
James 5:7-12

1. We have to **WAIT** patiently for that which **WE** cannot **MAKE HAPPEN**. (vv.7,8; Lamentations 3:25-26; Mark 4:26-29; Romans 8:25, 12:12; Galatians 6:9; Titus 2:13; Hebrews 10:36-37; 2 Peter 3:8-9)

2. Strive to remain firmly **GROUNDED** in **JESUS**! (v.8; Matthew 10:22; Luke 9:62; Acts 14:22, 20:24; Ephesians 4:11-14; 1 Thessalonians 3:13; 2 Thessalonians 3:3; 1 Timothy 4:16; 1 Peter 1:13; James 1:4; Revelation 3:2)

3. Do not **GRUMBLE** and **COMPLAIN** against one another. (v.9; Numbers 14:2; Exodus 15:24; John 6:43; Romans 13:12; 1 Corinthians 10:10; Philippians 2:14-15; Hebrews 10:25; James 4:11; 1 Peter 4:7-9; Revelation 22:20)

4. Follow the examples of **PERSEVERANCE** we see in those who **LIVED BEFORE** us. (vv.10,11; Job 2:9-10, 13:15, 42:10-17; Matthew 5:10-12; Romans 5:3-5; Philippians 1:29,30; Hebrews 12:1; James 1:12; 1 Peter 5:10)

5. Be a man or woman **OF YOUR WORD**. (v.12; Numbers 30:2; Psalm 15:4; Matthew 5:37; 1 Peter 2:12)

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1. Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

2. In what areas do you struggle the most with patience and waiting? If you can think of one, share an example of a time you rushed and tried to make something happen, only to see it fail. What might you have done differently that could have led to a better outcome?

3. The farmer and the Old Testament prophets are used by James as examples of patience. How would the patience exhibited by each of these groups be similar? Different? What do we learn about patience from each of these groups of people?

4. James tells us not to grumble (or complain) against/about one another (verse 9). When we are stressed or otherwise struggling, why do we tend to grumble and complain ('take it out') on those that are closest to us / that we love the most? What does James say the consequence of this is?

5. James reminds us that despite everything Job had to endure, he remained steadfast in his devotion to God. In the same sentence, James says that "the Lord is compassionate and merciful" (verse 11). How do we reconcile Job's many devastating struggles with God's mercy and compassion?