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Part of Say What

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****Message: What to do when... Your Timing Isn't God's Timing**

Series: Say What

Recap: This is our ninth message in our ***Say What*** series. It's a series based around the fact we have questions and God has answers! Everyone is encouraged to submit their questions – about their faith, about God, theology, life... and we'll explore answers from a Godly point of view using the Bible. All questions may not be answered in the series, but everyone who submits questions will receive personal responses. Submit questions using the APP or online at www.fellowship.cc/saywhat

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We're in the book of James

- New Testament Book (15th book after Acts, but Chronologically it was just after Acts)
- James was Jesus' half-brother

Today we're talking about what to do when you're in a hurry, and God ain't!

Notice how James starts off chapter 5 (he said it in 4:13 too)... "Look

here!” James is saying, “Listen up, I’m talking to you. What I have to say is important. It’s from God!”

Look Here

James 5:7-12 (NLT)

7 Dear brothers and sisters, be patient as you wait for the Lord’s return. Consider the farmers who patiently wait for the rains in the fall and in the spring. They eagerly look for the valuable harvest to ripen.

8 You, too, must be patient. Take courage, for the coming of the Lord is near.

9 Don’t grumble about each other, brothers and sisters, or you will be judged. For look—the Judge is standing at the door!

10 For examples of patience in suffering, dear brothers and sisters, look at the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

11 We give great honor to those who endure under suffering. For instance, you know about Job, a man of great endurance. You can see how the Lord was kind to him at the end, for the Lord is full of tenderness and mercy.

12 But most of all, my brothers and sisters, never take an oath, by heaven or earth or anything else. Just say a simple yes or no, so that you will not sin and be condemned.

James gives some compelling advice:

- FOCUS on Jesus
- CONSIDER the farmers
- If you’re patient it’ll be WORTH the wait
- Take COURAGE

He’s saying – establish your heart (stabilize it, strengthen it):

- cf. 2 Thessalonians 3:3
- cf. 1 Thessalonians 3:13
- cf. 2 Thessalonians 2:17

- Don’t GRUMBLE

The Key is Patience

- James connects patience to SUFFERING with advice for the journey:
- ENDURE your suffering
- Don't let your temporary emotions control your ACTIONS
- Build your character with patience

Building Character

- Wait on the Lord (v7)
- Consider others (v7)
- Eagerly look for God (v7)
- Take courage (v8)
- Don't grumble (v9)
- Suffer through with patience (v10)
- Suffer through with endurance (v11)
- Don't let temporary emotions control your actions (v12)

Because:

- His grace is enough!
- His love is enough!
- His mercy is enough!
- Jesus is always enough!