

# ***Learning to be STEADFAST, Lessons from Job – part 2***

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**Bible Passage:** John 16:33, Job 33-38, James 5:7-12

## **Introduction:**

**Big Idea:** Jesus said in this world we will suffer (have tribulation). He also said, “take heart” He’s over come the world. **Learn to step into his \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_.**

1. Take the “\_\_\_\_\_” (James 5:7a)
  - Μακροθυμέω-- Be long \_\_\_\_\_, tempered
  - Patience is a calm endurance based on the certainty that God is in \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A patient person has the ability to suffer for a long time.
  
2. \_\_\_\_\_ God is at \_\_\_\_\_ (James 5:7b)
  - Think \_\_\_\_\_
  - ἐκδέχομαι portrays an active, confident waiting that joins expectancy
  - Faith-filled readiness to take possession of what God is certain to provide
  
3. Cling to the \_\_\_\_\_ (found in God’s Word) (James 5:8)
  - Matthew 11:28
  - Psalm 145:18-19
  - Psalm 46:1
  - 2 Corinthians 4:8-9
  - 1 Peter 5:10
  - John 16:33
  
4. Refuse to \_\_\_\_\_ your own \_\_\_\_\_ onto others (James 5:9)
  - The verb “do not grumble” calls believers to restrain grievances that undermine unity.
  - The imminent “Judge...standing at the door” places interpersonal sighs under eschatological scrutiny.
  
5. Remember you are not the first to “\_\_\_\_\_” (James 5:10-11a)
  
6. Believe that God doesn’t \_\_\_\_\_ (James 5:11b)

**Pray first†**



Please understand we want to help you know Jesus personally and journey with you in taking fresh steps of obedience daily for Jesus. We would love to pray with you and for you. Join us at the end of the service for prayer or send us your request on the Connect Card and we will lift them up throughout the week.

# Table Talk

**Warm Up:** What are some of the things that cause you to lose patience?

1. Why does James use the example of a farmer to illustrate the principle of patience (5:7)?
2. What does the “coming of the Lord” have to do with patience (5:8)? Is it merely about awaiting His arrival, or is it also relevant to how we decide to act now?
3. Why is complaining against others detrimental to Christ’s work among us (5:9)? What happens to us when we complain against others? What risks to we run?
4. In what ways is God calling you to persevere (5:10)?
5. James 5:11 tells us that Job is an example of someone with steadfastness. Read Job 1:1-2:10; 42:1-6; and 42:10-17. What did Job learn during the process of his suffering?
6. What message does God have for you in the story of Job? What does Job’s story teach us about God (5:11)?
7. Why should we view people who have endured hardship as blessed (5:11)?

**Closing Prayer:** Father God, you know how deep the hurt is when I suffer. Thank you for the example of Job. Help me to grow deep so that when I am tested, I might remain steadfast and filled with hope in your promises. Amen!