

Reedy Fork Baptist Church

Wednesday, October 14, 2026

BIBLE STUDY

Theme: " A Call To Patients"

SCRIPTURE: James 5:7-11

⁷ Be patient, then, brothers and sisters, until the Lord's coming. See how the farmer waits for the land to yield its valuable crop, patiently waiting for the autumn and spring rains.

⁸ You too, be patient and stand firm, because the Lord's coming is near.

⁹ Don't grumble against one another, brothers and sisters, or you will be judged. The Judge is standing at the door!

¹⁰ Brothers and sisters, as an example of patience in the face of suffering, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

¹¹ As you know, we count as blessed those who have persevered. You have heard of Job's perseverance and have seen what the Lord finally brought about. The Lord is full of compassion and mercy.

Key Words:

- Call
- Patience
- Exhortation
- Oppression

I. People, Places, & Times:

- James
- Jewish Christians

II. Background:

James 5:7-11 is an exhortation to patience and steadfastness written to early Jewish-Christian believers who were suffering under the weight of severe oppression, economic exploitation, and injustice.

Jewish-Christian believers in the early church, likely navigating hardship, social marginalization, and economic exploitation by wealthy landowners who withheld wages or used the legal system against them.

Written in the mid-1st century (around the late 40s to early 60s CE), a period marked by rising tensions between Roman imperial authorities, local economic power structures, and the emerging Jesus movement.

Suffering believers faced the temptation to grow bitter, retaliate, lose faith, or turn their frustration against one another through internal grumbling and judgment.

IV. In Depth:

1. Lesson Emphasis: 1 The Call to Patient Endurance (vv. 7–8)

A. The Command to Be Patient (v. 7a):

Believers are urged to exercise long-tempered endurance ("longsuffering") amidst suffering and injustice.

B. The Illustration of the Farmer (v. 7b): Like a farmer who patiently waits through the autumn (early) and spring (latter) rains for the harvest, believers must wait trustingly for God's timing.

C. The Foundation for Endurance (v. 8):

Hearts must be strengthened and established because the coming of the Lord is near.

2. Lesson Emphasis: 2. The Warning Against Internal Conflict (v. 9)

A. Prohibition of Grumbling (v. 9a):

Believers must stop complaining or grumbling against one another (especially under pressure).

B. The Presence of the Judge (v. 9b):

Disunity invites divine discipline because the true Judge is standing right at the door

3. Lesson Emphasis: 3 The Examples of Faithfulness (vv. 10–11)

A. The Example of the Prophets (v. 10):

Old Testament prophets who spoke in the Lord's name serve as role models for suffering patiently.

B. The Example of Job (v. 11a):

Those who endure steadfastly are considered blessed, with Job's well-known perseverance as a primary template.

C. The Character of God (v. 11b):

The ultimate reason for hope is not just the endurance itself, but the nature of God—who is full of compassion and mercy and brings a purposeful outcome.

V. Make It Happen

- What does it mean to be called to something?
- How would you define patience?
- What role does patience play in our life?

VI. Follow the Spirit:

What will you do as a result of this lesson?

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