

Winning through Patience and Prayer: James 5:7-20

Intro: Reading Laenei Varnado 5th grader. We are talking about winning today which is exactly what Mark Robbins did Friday afternoon. He won the race. So this section of scripture really came alive this week for me. Let's read the entire text. James 5:7-20

- I. Winning through Patience – v. 7-12
 - a. The exhortation: uncertainty creates anxiety, The one certain thing is that Jesus is coming back
 1. Be patient – context of oppression and injustice
 2. Stand strong – establish heart – sterizo
 3. Don't grumble
 4. Be truthful-
 - b. The illustration – the farmer, the prophets, and Job. The reminder that the Lord is full of compassion and mercy.
- II. Winning through Prayer: v. 13-18
 - a. Prayer, oil, and the sick. Who's involved? The church, the sick and the elders, and the Lord. What's involved? Prayer, oil, faith, healing, forgiveness and the authority of the Lord.
 - b. Prayer and confession – The evil one fears the prayers of God's people. Probably offensives against one another. We must be good listeners and not tellers. What you've committed confess. Not necessarily what you think. Don't talk to everybody about everything. Be wise in your openness and humility.
 - c. The power effective prayer illustrated: Elijah
- III. Winning the Wanderer v. 19-20
 - a. Wandering from the truth – be aware of people. We wander in our minds and then in our actions.
 - b. Someone – not just leaders. Gal.6:1. Bring back,
 - c. Results – turning (from error), saving (from death), and covering (from a multitude of sins).

Invite: Be Patient, Be prayerful, and be active in reaching out to others.