



THE BOOK OF JAMES

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“ ¹ Look here, you rich people: Weep and groan with anguish because of all the terrible troubles ahead of you.” ~ JAMES 5:1 (NLT)

WHO IS JAMES TALKING TO?

“ ² Your wealth is rotting away, and your fine clothes are moth-eaten rags. ³ Your gold and silver are corroded. The very wealth you were counting on will eat away your flesh like fire. This corroded treasure you have hoarded will testify against you on the day of judgment.”

~ JAMES 5:2-3 (NLT)

WHAT ARE THEY DOING?

“ ⁴ For listen! Hear the cries of the field workers whom you have cheated of their pay. The cries of those who harvest your fields have reached the ears of the Lord of Heaven's Armies.”

~ JAMES 5:4 (NLT)

“ ⁵ You have spent your years on earth in luxury, satisfying your every desire. You have fattened yourselves for the day of slaughter.” ~ JAMES 5:5 (NLT)

“ ⁶ You have condemned and killed innocent people, who do not resist you.” ~ JAMES 5:6 (NLT)

“ ⁷ Dear brothers and sisters, be patient as you wait for the Lord's return...” ~ JAMES 5:7a (NLT)

WHO IS JAMES TALKING TO?

“ ⁷ ...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.”

~ JAMES 5:7b-8 (NLT)

WHAT DO WE DO?

“ ⁹ Don't grumble about each other, brothers and sisters, or you will be judged. For look - the Judge is standing at the door!” ~ JAMES 5:9 (NLT)

“ 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.”

~ JAMES 5:10-11 (NLT)

“ 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 5:12 (NLT)

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HOW DO WE HANDLE WEALTH?

“ ⁶ Yet true godliness with contentment is itself great wealth. ⁷ After all, we brought nothing with us when we came into the world, and we can't take anything with us when we leave it. ⁸ So if we have enough food and clothing, let us be content.

⁹ But people who long to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many foolish and harmful desires that plunge them into ruin and destruction.

¹⁰ For the love of money is the root of all kinds of evil. And some people, craving money, have wandered from the true faith and pierced themselves with many sorrows.”

~ 1 TIMOTHY 6:6-10 (NLT)

Don't _____ by it.

Live _____.

“ ⁷ Just as the rich rule the poor,
so the borrower is servant to the lender.”

~ PROVERBS 22:7 (NLT)

“ ⁴ Don't wear yourself out trying to get rich.
Be wise enough to know when to quit.”

~ PROVERBS 23:4 (NLT)

“ ¹⁷ Those who love pleasure become poor;
those who love wine and luxury will never be rich.”

~ PROVERBS 21:17 (NLT)

“ ⁷ Some who are poor pretend to be rich;
others who are rich pretend to be poor.”

~ PROVERBS 13:7 (NLT)

Give _____.

“ ⁹ Honor the Lord with your wealth and with the best part of everything you produce. ¹⁰ Then he will fill your barns with grain, and your vats will overflow with good wine.”

~ PROVERBS 3:9-10 (NLT)

Enjoy _____.

~ 1 TIMOTHY 6:17 (NLT)

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- 1 - If you unexpectedly received a large sum of money tomorrow, what would be the first three things you would do with it? Why would you prioritize those things?
- 2 - What is your definition of Rich? How would you define poverty?
- 3 - Re read James 5:1-6. What is the difference between saving for financial health and hoarding wealth?

- 4 - When was a time when you felt financially oppressed? How did you navigate that?
- 5 - Re-read James 5:7-12. When have you had to wait patiently for deliverance from a season of oppression? What did you do to make it through?
- 6 - Read 1 Timothy 6:6-10. What does it take for us to find contentment financially? How much is enough?

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