



Message Notes & Life Group Study Guide  
November 10-11, 2018  
Life Hacks: Hoping in Uncertainty  
Joel Haldeman

MESSAGE NOTES:

James 5:7-12

STUDY GUIDE:

**Reference:** Open in prayer and read James 5:7-12.

**Review:** What was one thing from this weekend's message that challenged, confused, or stood out to you?

**Reflect:**

1. An author from the 1600s wrote these words - *"To lengthen my patience is the best way to shorten my troubles; and to lessen my patience is the speediest way to lengthen my pain."* Agree? Disagree? Why?

2. The one variable that is outside the control of a farmer is rain. What examples could we use today that illustrate what it means to wait on God for the things over which we have no control? How can that picture help us understand patience?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. We live in a world of instant knowledge ("just Google it") and of expectations that things will be personalized to suit our tastes (e.g., Amazon). How can that damage our souls?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
4. When are you tempted to just give up on different aspects of your life?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
5. How does complaining about others reveal a lack of patience in our own hearts?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
6. What must we believe about God in order to follow James' command to be patient?

**Respond/Reinforce:** Identify at least one thing that you have asked God to do and are waiting on him for. Decide on two things you could do to proactively wait on God and do them this week.