#### 2025 SUMMER SERIES - REAL

# REAL HOPE IN HARD TIMES

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#### **James 5:1-6** (NASB)

Come now, you rich, weep and howl for your miseries which are coming upon you. Your riches have rotted and your garments have become moth-eaten. Your gold and your silver have rusted; and their rust will be a witness against you and will consume your flesh like fire. It is in the last days that you have stored up your treasure! Behold, the pay of the laborers who mowed your fields, and which has been withheld by you, cries out against you; and the outcry of those who did the harvesting has reached the ears of the Lord of Sabaoth. You have lived luxuriously on the earth and led a life of wanton pleasure; you have fattened your hearts in a day of slaughter. You have condemned and put to death the righteous man; he does not resist you.

# Abuse will be **DEALT WITH BY GOD!**

### Deuteronomy 24:14-15 (NASB)

You shall not oppress a hired servant who is poor and needy, whether he is one of your countrymen or one of your aliens who is in your land in your towns. You shall give him his wages on his day before the sun sets, for he is poor and sets his heart on it; so that he will not cry against you to the LORD and it become sin in you.

#### Remember that God HEARS OUR CRIES!

"If you've been abused, mistreated, or silenced — God has not ignored your pain. Your cry has reached His ears. He is close to the brokenhearted and will not let injustice go unanswered.

Hold on. Help is coming."

# <u>James 5:7-9</u> (NASB)

Therefore be patient, brethren, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious produce of the soil, being patient about it, until it gets the early and late rains. You too be patient; strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. Do not complain, brethren, against one another, so that you yourselves may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing right at the door.

#### Patience shows TRUST IN GOD'S JUSTICE.

#### Be careful to not MISDIRECT YOUR HURT!

#### James 5:10-12 (NASB)

As an example, brethren, of suffering and patience, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. We count those blessed who endured. You have heard of the endurance of Job and have seen the outcome of the Lord's dealings, that the Lord is full of compassion and is merciful. But above all, my brethren, do not swear, either by heaven or by earth or with any other oath; but your yes is to be yes, and your no, no, so that you may not fall under judgment.

# Psalm 30:5 (NLT)

For His anger lasts only a moment, but His favor lasts a lifetime! Weeping may last through the night, but joy comes with the morning.

# Above all...KEEP YOUR INTEGRITY!

#### **NEXT WEEK: REAL POWER IS FOUND IN PRAYER**

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