



Finish the Game
James 5:1-20 | November 2, 2025

Patience is the key that unlocks perseverance.

Patience keeps us faithful when life feels slow. (v. 7-8)

Patience protects our relationships when we feel stressed. (v. 9)

Patience focuses on God's character, not our circumstances. (v. 10-11)
"I know you can do all things..." Job 42:2a

Patience keeps us spiritually connected when we feel tempted to check out.
(v. 13-16)

Patience keeps us in the game long enough to see the win. (v. 17-18)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS:
Thanksgiving Baskets due back on Nov. 9
Joy Drive on Nov. 15 at 10:00 AM
Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes due back on Nov. 16
WCC Thanksgiving Dinner on Nov. 19
Download our WCCChurch app or scan the QR code for more info or to sign up!



STUDY QUESTIONS

GETTING STARTED:

Think of a time when you almost quit something but decided to push through. What made you persevere? What was the outcome?

A DEEPER DIVE:

- James compares our faith journey to a farmer waiting for crops to grow. What are you "waiting on God" for right now? How does the farmer illustration change the way you think about your waiting?
- James warns us not to "grumble against one another." What's one practical way you can protect your relationships when you're going through a difficult season?
- James ended his book by emphasizing prayer and people. Why are these both important for practicing patience?
- When life gets hard, how do you typically respond? Do you lean into community or pull away?
 - In the sermon, we challenged each other to "be strong enough to be vulnerable." What makes vulnerability difficult for you? What would it look like for you to let others know you need to be lifted up?
- Elijah endured a season of waiting, and yet God still met his needs. How does that encourage you when you are waiting on God?
- Elijah sent his servant to look for a cloud, and six times in a row there was nothing, yet he sent him out a seventh time. How does Elijah's perseverance encourage you to keep going?
- What's one area of your life where you're tempted to quit right now? What would it look like to "stay in the game" in that situation?

THIS WEEK'S APPLICATION:

Who is one person you can reach out to this week to either encourage them to persevere or ask them to help lift you up?

As we finish this series on James, what's one "play from the playbook" that you're committed to running in your life?