

## **6-16-2024 – What'd James say – Part 14 – Suffering is a good thing???**

### **James 5, verses 7-8:**

<sup>7</sup> Dear brothers and sisters,<sup>☐</sup> be patient as you wait for the Lord's return. 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. <sup>8</sup> You, too, must be patient. Take courage, for the coming of the Lord is near.

### **James 5, verse 9:**

<sup>9</sup> 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, verses 10-11:**

<sup>10</sup> For examples of patience in suffering, dear brothers and sisters, look at the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. <sup>11</sup> 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, verse 12:**

<sup>12</sup> 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 has given us two simple formula's today:**

- 1. Expect hard times as a believer... find joy in it..... Patiently endure it.....God will reward!!!!!!**
- 2. Don't break promises....let your yes be yes and your no be no....**