



April 1: James 5:7-12

1. What is the main exhortation that James gives to his readers in this paragraph? Why do they need that exhortation?
2. What illustration does James use to show his readers the meaning of patience? How would that illustration help them understand what he is exhorting them to do?
3. What does the phrase “establish your hearts” mean, practically speaking? How does the reality of Jesus’ return help you do that?

4. Are there circumstances in your life under which you need to be patient? What are they? What truths help you to be patient under those truths?

5. Why does James point to examples of patience? How do examples from the Bible help us to see what God wants from us, and the importance of those things?

6. James says that “the prophets” are “an example of suffering and patience.” About whom do you think James is talking here? What examples from the Old Testament can you think of in which someone endured suffering with patience?

7. In verse 11 James mentions two things that should give believers comfort and encouragement to stand fast in their trials. What are those two things?

8. What is James doing with verse 12? How does ungodly oath-making (like the grumbling in verse 9) reveal a heart that is not steadfast and established? How does an unestablished heart lead to ungodly oath-making?