



James 5:7-20 Signing Off

A. How Should I Respond to the Suffering in My Life? [7-12]

- [1] Be Patient - Farmer [7-8a]
- [2] Establish Your Hearts [8b]
- [3] Resist Judging → Grumbling [9]
- [4] Stand Firm - Prophets/Job [10-11]
- [5] Be Honest - unquestionable character [12]
Trial → The Crown of Life [James 1:12]

B. When and Why Should I Pray? [13-18]

- [1] Responding to the seasons of life [13-14]
Lean In
- [2] The Impact of Prayer [15-18]
 - [a] Prayer of Faith → Divine Encouragement
Powerful: Saves, Lifts, and Redeems
 - [b] Prayer of the Righteous - Powerful
Illustration: Elijah [1 Kings 17:1-6; 18:41-19:8]

C. How do we respond to someone who has fallen away [backslider]? [19:20]

[intersection on the road to misery]

Proverbs 10:12 . . . love covers all offenses.

James 5:7-20 Be patient, therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient about it, until it receives the early and the late rains. ⁸You also, be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand. ⁹ Do not grumble against one another, brothers, so that you may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing at the door. ¹⁰ As an example of suffering and patience, brothers, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. [Jeremiah 20:2, 32:2; 38:6]

¹¹ Behold, we consider those blessed who remained steadfast. You have heard of the steadfastness of Job [Job 1:20-22], and you have seen the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful.

¹² But above all, my brothers, do not swear, either by heaven or by earth or by any other oath, but let your “yes” be yes and your “no” be no, so that you may not fall under condemnation.

¹³ Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praise. ¹⁴ Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord.

¹⁵ And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. ¹⁶ Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working.

¹⁷ Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. [1 Kings 17:1-16] ¹⁸ Then he prayed again, and heaven gave rain, and the earth bore its fruit. [1 Kings 18:41-19:8]

¹⁹ My brothers, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and someone brings him back, ²⁰ let him know that whoever brings back a sinner from his wandering will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

Study Questions/Prayer

- [1] In what area of life do you find yourself suffering?
- [2] Read James 5:7-12. How should followers of Jesus wait for His coming (see v. 7)? In what ways do you struggle with waiting? [Abide]
- [3] Read James 5:13-14. Do you see your prayers make an impact Do you pray with and for other people? Why or why not?
- [4] Read James 5:19. Do you have someone in your life who has wandered from the truth? How long has it been since you reached out?
- [5] Pray asking God to lead you to a friend who has fallen away and find a way to encourage them.