



# JAMES

## Burdens and Blessings

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Where FAITH becomes ACTION

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## James Series

- Jesus Brother
- Witness to Resurrection
- Leader in Early Church
- to 12 Tribes Scattered

## Connected to Last Week

- condemned wealthy for taking advantage
- hoarding & defrauding
- God see's, will respond and set right




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## Facing Difficult Times

- vs.6 "You have condemned and murdered the righteous person. He does not resist you."
- 7-12 "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. <sup>8</sup>You also, be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand. <sup>9</sup>Do not grumble against one another, brothers, so that you may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing at the door.



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<sup>10</sup> As an example of suffering and patience, brothers, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. <sup>11</sup> Behold, we consider those blessed who remained steadfast. You have heard of the steadfastness of Job, and you have seen the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful.

<sup>12</sup> 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."

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## 1. Be Patient Therefore...

- 2 words in greek: 'makros', 'thumos'
- take a long time to be emotionally driven
- interesting thoughts

### a) Love's 1<sup>st</sup> Quality – Patience

- 1 Cor. 13:4

### b) Patience – something God rewards

- 2 Peter 2:18-20

### c) Essential to Learning

- cannot attain knowledge without it



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- illustration of the farmer

## 2. Establish Your Hearts

- rooted and able to withstand

- not pull yourself up by bootstraps

- 1 Peter 5:7 "casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you"

- Psalm 55:22 "Cast your burden on the LORD, and he will sustain you; he will never permit the righteous to be moved"



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Avoid:

## 3. Grumbling Against One Another

- several reasons I grumble
- essentially – where is my focus
- Judge is at the door
  - authority and role
  - witness to what is happening
- you do not want same measure applied to you





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## Several Examples to Consider

### a) Prophets

- Heb. 11
- Jesus in Matthew 5:10-12
- 2 Tim 3:12 – “<sup>12</sup> Indeed, all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted”

### b) Job

- 1-3 distressed
- 4-32 defense
- 38-42 delivered





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- two truths not to miss in this passage
- consider the steadfast blessed
- God compassionate & merciful

## 4. Making Oaths

- when stressed tend to make ultimatums
- God hears and considers a vow important
- live with integrity – let your words be true



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So What

1. We All Have Backpacks
2. Pursue Patience
3. Send Down Roots
4. Be Careful In Relationship
5. Guard Your Promises

