

Week Five (August 29 – September 4)

Day One: Charges of Oppression

Read: James 5:1-6; Luke 12:13-21

Reflect:

- 1) Use James 5:2-3 to match the item with its described appearance:
 - a) Wealth _____ corroded
 - b) Clothing _____ rotted
 - c) Gold and Silver _____ eaten by moths

- 2) In Genesis, God tells Cain that Abel’s blood cried out from the ground. In James, what inanimate object is crying out to God because of injustice?

- 3) Which of the following are charges James brings against the rich people he is addressing?
 - a) They hoarded wealth
 - b) They didn’t pay the people who worked for them
 - c) They lived in luxury and self-indulgence
 - d) All of the above

- 4) Use Luke 12:16-18 and the word bank to fill in the blanks:
all, no place, grain, produced, bigger, ground, goods, tear down
“The _____ of a certain rich man _____ a good crop. He thought to himself, ‘What shall I do? I have _____ _____ to store my crops.’ Then he said, ‘This is what I’ll do. I will _____ _____ my barns and build _____ ones, and there I will store _____ my _____ and my _____.’”

- 5) How did God respond to the attitude of the “certain rich man” and how does Jesus apply this to us? (vs. 21)

Memorize: *Then he said to them, “Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; a man’s life does not consist in all the abundance of his possessions.”* Luke 12:15

Day Two: Patience

Read: Psalm 37:7-11; James 5:7-12

Reflect:

- 1) How many times in the James passage does the word patient/patience appear? _____
- 2) James gives an example of someone who must wait patiently. What occupation does he highlight?
 - a) A fisherman waiting for a bite
 - b) A developer waiting for a property
 - c) A poet waiting for a rhyme
 - d) A farmer waiting for a harvest
- 3) In addition to patience, James encourages believers to persevere. James mentions two example of perseverance during suffering. Name them:
 - a) _____
 - b) _____
- 4) Determine whether the following come from today's reading in James or Psalms:

James / Psalms	Be patient until the Lord's coming
James / Psalms	Refrain from anger and turn from wrath
James / Psalms	The Lord is full of compassion and mercy
James / Psalms	Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him
James / Psalms	Don't grumble against each other
James / Psalms	Those who are evil will be destroyed
- 5) Is there an area of your life where you need to wait patiently for the Lord or demonstrate perseverance in the face of suffering? Take a moment to pray and thank God that He is full of compassion and mercy. Then ask Him to give you the patience of a farmer waiting for the crops and the perseverance of the prophets who spoke in His name.

Memorize: *"You too, be patient and stand firm, because the Lord's coming is near."* James 5:8

Day Three: Prayers of Faith

Read- James 5:13-20

Reflect:

- 1) Match the following questions to the recommended responses:
 - a) Is any one of you in trouble? ___ He should pray
 - b) Is anyone happy? ___ Let him sing songs of praise
 - c) Is any one of you sick? ___ Have the elders pray; anoint him with oil

- 2) Which of the following does James say will happen when church elders pray in faith for a sick brother or sister and anoint them with oil?
 - a) The sick person will be made well
 - b) The Lord will raise the sick person up
 - c) If the sick person has sinned, their sins will be forgiven
 - d) All of the above

- 3) In verse 16, James urges the church to do two things so they might be healed. List them:
 - a) _____
 - b) _____

- 4) James offers a famous example of answered prayer from Israel's history. Who does he cite?
 - a) Abraham
 - b) Elijah
 - c) Noah
 - d) Moses

- 5) Use verse 20 and the word bank to fill in the following blanks:
cover, turns, multitude, save, sins, death, error
"remember this: whoever _____ a sinner from the _____ of his
way will _____ him from _____ and _____
over a _____ of _____."

Memorize: "*The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.*" James 5:16 (TNIV)