

Sunday, March 13, 2022



**Sermon Series:**  
**James: A Practical Faith that Works**  
**Title: *Practicing Patience in the Meantime***

**Text: James 5:7-12**

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**Big Idea:** Practicing patience “in the meantime” of trials can either be a time of godly purpose, or pointless worry depending on our response.

**How can we find godly purpose “in the meantime” of our trials?**

- 1) In the meantime, keep God’s eternal victory in sight. (James 5:7 / Revelation 22:1-3)
- 2) In the meantime, join God’s mission to **repair** broken things. (James 5:8 /Matthew 10:7-8)
- 3) In the meantime, trust God to make **things right**. (James 5:9 / Philippians 2:14)
- 4) In the meantime, take heart from **past** faithful servants.  
(James 5:10-11 / Jeremiah 29:4-7 / 1 Corinthians 15:50-58)

Life circumstances may make us feel d-e-f-e-a-t-e-d...but patiently work with purpose toward God’s final message of victory

**Study/Application Questions and Actions:**

- 1) Share a time when life circumstances made you feel stuck in a time of “meanwhile.” How successful were you in adjusting to that time?
- 2) James speaks about waiting for the “precious fruit” of God’s mercy. What are some “crops” of grace that God grows in us during trials?
- 3) What specifically do you find most motivating about the promise of Christ’s return and heaven? How does that motivate you now?
- 4) Jesus wants us to be “on mission” to repair broken things with the gospel. What kind of “repair” work are you most passionate about?
- 5) How can believers put a block in front of natural grumbling that rises up within us when we can’t have our way?
- 6) Ask for prayer support to persevere in some specific circumstance that right now feels a bit like a “defeat,” knowing that God’s not finished yet.