



Community Bible Church
Pastor Bob DuPar
May 13, 2018

Patience

James 5:7-12

Have Patience! God will...

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“Therefore be patient, brethren, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious produce of the soil, being patient about it, until it gets the early and late rains.” vs. 7

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“You too be patient; strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. Do not complain, brethren, against one another, so that you yourselves may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing right at the door.” vss. 9-10

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“We count those blessed who endured. You have heard of the endurance of Job and have seen the outcome of the Lord’s dealings, that the Lord is full of compassion and is merciful.” vs. 11

Application:



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Go Deep Study Guide

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Getting Started

What did you find most helpful from this week's sermon? Was anything confusing? Is there anything that needs clarification? Discuss as a group.

If you haven't heard the sermon yet, you can access it at: www.cbcventura.org

Going Deeper

Re-read James 5:7-12

How do you think our passage relates to the verses that precede it? That follow it?

What lessons has God taught you over the years about *patience*? How does your personal experience relate to our passage?

Read 1 Peter 1:13. What are some practical ways that we can *fix our hope* on Christ's return? How can doing this strengthen our patience?

Living in a culture of immediate gratification, what are some ways that we can wait upon the Lord to meet/fulfill our needs?

Drawing upon James' illustration of the farmer in verse 7, what is our part (our responsibility) and what is God's part?

Read Philippians 4:19. What are your present needs? How can you trust God (exercise patience) in believing that He will meet these needs?
Discuss as a group

Discuss the difference between God's timing and our timing. Do you have a good story or illustration?

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Is there a justice issue in your life, or one that's near to your heart? What does it mean to wait for the Lord's vindication while not remaining passive?

What difference does it make knowing that the "*Judge is standing right at the door*?" This truth should both encourage us and hold us accountable.

As you think about *strengthening your heart* in times of challenge, what hope does 1 Thessalonians 3:13 offer?

Who's your favorite biblical prophet? Why? How does his/her life remind you of the importance of patience? What can we learn from them?

How have you seen God's *compassion* and *mercy* revealed and displayed in your life? What effect has this had upon you?

What was the *outcome of God's dealings* with Job? What can we learn from this?

Application

What aspect of our study convicts or challenges you the most? What will you do about it? Is there someone who can help you, encourage you, or hold you accountable? Talk to them!

Prayer

Spend some time in prayer thanking God for His Word and what you've learned.

What are some of the prayer needs of your group, your family, your friends?