

Patience in Suffering - James 5:7-11

Open It

1. What kinds of experiences try your patience?
2. What good things in life are worth waiting for?

Explore It

1. What do we need to do as we wait for the Lord's return to earth? (5:7)
2. What illustration did James use to describe the kind of patience we need? (5:7)
3. When will the Lord's coming occur? (5:8)
4. Why should we be patient about Christ's return? (5:8)
5. Why should we avoid judging others or grumbling against them? (5:9)
6. What will happen to Christians who grumble against their fellow believers? (5:9)
7. What people serve as good examples to us? How? (5:10-11)
8. In what ways does God help us when we must endure suffering? (5:11)

Get It

1. How does God use others to build patience in our lives?
2. What makes it hard to wait on God's timing?
3. What kind of changes does God want to make in us over an extended period of time?
4. How have you suffered as a Christian?
5. What blessing or reward came to you for suffering as a Christian?
6. How will God reward us if we are patient?
7. What does it mean to stand firm as a Christian?
8. What lessons from Job's experience can we apply to our lives?
9. For what kinds of reasons do Christians judge each other?
10. What causes us to grumble against each other?
11. What does God think about Christians fighting among themselves?

Apply It

1. With what situation or problem can you ask God for help and patience this week?
2. What steps will you take this week to avoid judging others in your home? workplace? church?