

## **"Practical Wisdom from the Epistle of James"**

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James 5:7 - 20

### **Perseverance – James 5:7 - 11**

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- Why should believers be motivated to patiently endure?
- How does the illustration of a farmer show the importance of patience? Do you have a similar, non-agricultural, example?
- What did the prophets gain from their suffering? What about Job?
- How does knowing that Jesus will return give you hope?
- When has it been difficult for you to persevere in your Christian walk?
- How have Christian friends helped you to persevere in difficult times?
- How can you pass that along and encourage others to trust God and endure through suffering?

## **The Prayer of Faith – James 5:12-20**

### **A. Read James 5:12-15**

- What advice and comfort does James give to the troubled, the cheerful, and the sick?
- What keeps people from turning to God in prayer?
- When has it been difficult for you to accept God's answer to your prayers?
- How can we develop more discipline and patience in our prayer life?

### **B. Read James 5:16-20**

- What kind of prayer makes great things happen? What do the words “effective” and “avail” mean in v. 16?
- What does Elijah's experience teach us believers about prayer?
- What great things would you like to see God do in your life?
- Who can keep you accountable to follow through on your commitment?