



“Be Patient”

Week 11: James 5:7-12

Read passage together.

James tells us as believers to “Be patient”. If we are all honest, being patient isn’t something that comes naturally to most of us. We live in a time where everything is instant and can happen with just a click of a button. In this passage James gives us 3 examples of what it looks like to “Be patient”. The first example is a farmer who patiently waits, the second example is the prophets who endure suffering and the third example is Job who perseveres suffering. As believers, we are not guaranteed a life of ease. If anything, being a follower of Jesus can be hard. Jesus promises us that in this life, we will have trouble (John 16:33). The same passage also promises us that we can still have peace because peace comes from knowing Jesus. Patience is the same way. The way we have patience is by knowing Jesus because He is patient.

Questions:

1. Where in your life do you need patience?
2. Twice in the passage James says that Jesus is returning. How does this fact help to produce patience within us?
3. In what ways do farmers need to exercise patience?
4. What do you know about the life of the prophets in the Bible? How are they an example of patience in the midst of suffering?
5. In what way is Job an example of steadfastness and patience?
6. Patience is both a command (James 5:7) and a fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23). How do these two ideas fit together?
 - a. Patience comes from the Holy Spirit.
 - b. The answer to being patient is found in the first word of the passage, “be”. Being with Jesus is how we become patient.
7. What is your next step as a result of studying this passage?

Important announcements:

- Invite 3 unchurched people to church this week! Live on mission!