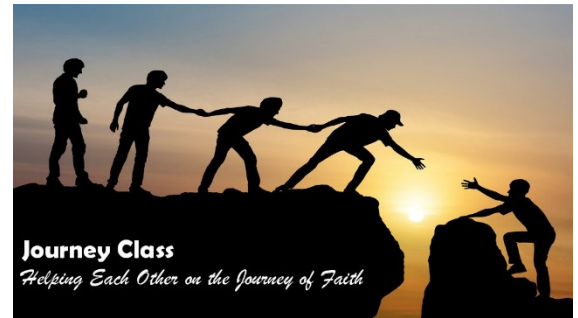


## James – Patience

As we near the end of James, he speaks to believers, encouraging them to have patience and hope. He reminds us that other people of faith have endured and so will we. No matter what our present circumstances, we can count on God's compassion and mercy.



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### Read James 5:7-11

James encourages believers to be motivated to patiently endure. What does it mean to “patiently endure”?

James uses the illustration of a farmer and his crops to show the importance of patience. Can you think of another example of the need to be patient?

When you think of the story of Job, was he patient? Was his patience rewarded?

Has there been a time where it was difficult to persevere in your Christian walk?

How have Christian friends encouraged you to persevere in tough times?

How can you pass that encouragement along to others to trust God and endure through suffering?

In what ways have you experienced God's mercy in your life recently?

*Patience and perseverance takes on a bit more weight when you are in a setting of pressure, crisis, or tragedy. And, we will have troubles in life. It is not easy to be patient when we need to be patient. But God offers us the assurance of His presence. He tells us that no matter what our present circumstances may be, God will have the last word.*

### Prayers...



*Being strong for each other*

### Closing Devotion:

Father, you never promised us that this world would be easy; you never said there would be no pain. But you did promise that if we persevere, we would be blessed by your mercy and your grace. Teach us to hold firmly to your promises, so that we can endure the struggles and storms of this world.