

Doer of the Word,
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OBEDIENCE IS ACTION

Session 5
Be Patient and Stand Firm
Power of Prayer and Reconciliation



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Key Scripture Jas 5:8-10 (NKJV)

⁸ You also be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand. ⁹ Do not grumble against one another, brethren, lest you be condemned. Behold, the Judge is standing at the door! ¹⁰ My brethren, take the prophets, who spoke in the name of the Lord, as an example of suffering and patience.

Instructional Overview

Big Ideas

- Submitting to the teachings of Christ gives one the power to be a doer of the Word.
- A faithful Christian intentionally practices a life of patience and prayer

Essential Questions

- What does an unmovable Christian reflect in their walk with Christ?
- Why does context play important when studying the Bible?

Learning Outcomes

- Write context definitions as directed for identified words/phrases connected to wisdom in a group showing 100% accuracy.

Timed Writing

1. Within your breakout group you each have two minutes to write per assigned scripture that goes with the prompt. Don't over think it. Just write what comes to mind.
2. When you finish writing, discuss what you wrote. You may add to what you wrote. Combine responses. You have 15 minutes in group,
3. Each person from the group should report out. Be brief. Work as a team. Be prepared for the teacher's follow-up questions!!

Prompt:

What do each of the below passages tell you about why the heart of a man and how what comes out of his mouth closely connect? Please relate to the genuineness of faith.

Genuine Faith Characteristics

- Shows compassion for others and the downtrodden (2:14-26)
- Works demonstrate it (2:14)
- Expresses itself in obedience to God's explicit commands (2:21, See Abraham.)
- Manifests in God-honored decisions (2:25, See Rehab.)

Group 1: Felicia, Pastor Yvette, June (Jas 3:3 BER).

"When we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we can guide the whole animal."

Group 2: Elder Lawanda Krystina (Jas 3:5 NKJV).

"Even so the tongue is a little member and boasts great things. See how great a forest a little fire kindles!"

Group 3: Hassan, Elder Corine, Yvonne (Jas 2:6 AMP).

"And the tongue is [in a sense] a fire, the *very* world of injustice *and* unrighteousness; the tongue is set among our members as that which contaminates the entire body, and sets on fire the course of our life [the cycle of man's existence], and is itself set on fire by hell (Gehenna)."

Part A. Quick Lecture on the Background of Suffering in Jas 5:7-12 (Pastor Cox)**Overview**

- Despite the great sufferings the Jewish Christians faced upon their scattering, he once again at the close exhorted them to wait patiently in light of the Coming King.
- Patient endurance remedied their trials as they awaited the eschatological Hope.
- Patience in the context of this passage means to endure in the face of misfortunes and troubles.

Sufferings

- Trials of severe oppression by the rich (5:1-6),
- Opposition and persecution (v. 10),
- Bad or distressing experiences (v. 13),
- Suffering (vv. 10, 13),
- Serious illness nearing death (vv. 14-16),
- Eschatological suffering (vv. 19-20; cf. 1-6).
- Persecution, marginalization, oppression, and deprivation in exilic life outside Palestine.

Power and Privilege

- Social groups: the rich (1:10-11; 2:5-7; 5:1-6), widows and orphans (1:27) - that is, those who are unable to provide for or protect themselves, and the poor (1:9; 2:2, 3, 5, 6).

Socio-Economic Orientation

- The law of the Roman Empire during the first century determined who could belong to the upper classes, approximately one percent of the population, on the basis of birth, family, and wealth.

Part B. Virtue of Patience: Paired Questions

Directions:

1. Work in your group to answer the below prompt. Be detailed.
2. You have 15 minutes to answer the questions and five minutes to respond.
3. The group leader in red should copy/paste or type the questions from the screen into the chat section for their group members.
4. Your teacher will call on each group to answer a question. Be prepared to think on your feet to answer a follow up question.

Prompt:

In the context of this passage, what does patience mean?

Group 1: **Felicia**, Pastor Yvette, June

Example of the patient farmer (Jas 5:7-8)

Group 2: **Elder Lawanda**, Krystina

Example of the patient prophets (Jas 5:10)

Group 3. **Hassan**, Elder Corine, Yvonne

Example of patient Job (Jas 5:11)

Ten-Minute Break

Power of Prayer: Jas 5:13-20

Directions:

- Write a response to the question in you break out group.
- Each person from the group should report out from the group.

Group 1: Felicia, Pastor Yvette, June

Why does James discuss patience and prayer at the same time?

Group 2: Elder Lawanda, Krystina

How does the Jas 5:15 (prayer of faith) relate to genuine faith?

Group 3. Hassan, Elder Corine, Yvonne

Talk about a way prayer serves as an appropriate response of the tongue.

Circle Talk on Prayer – (If time permits—Whole group.)

Directions:

- Reflect on questions below.
- Teacher guides discussion.
- Students prepare to respond to whole group

How can a Christian pray effectively?

What attitude should Christians have concerning prayer?

How can the prayers of Christians be hindered?

Doer of the Word — Homework, Session 5
Homework—Due July 22, 2021

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Cloman (robincloman@gmail.com) ahead of time.

Make sure you incorporate your illustration. (The illustration is not the power point.)

Practice so you don't go over the allotted time.