

“Patience Perseveres”
Faith for Life
Part 6

James 5:7-11 “Be patient, then, brothers and sisters, until the Lord’s coming. See how the farmer waits for the land to yield its valuable crop, patiently waiting for the autumn and spring rains. ⁸You too, be patient and stand firm, because the Lord’s coming is near. ⁹Don’t grumble against one another, brothers and sisters, or you will be judged. The Judge is standing at the door!

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are uncontrollable*

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Patience gives confidence when truth is unpopular

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Patience gives strength when life is unexplainable

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James 5:11 b

*While you are waiting on God:
what equips you to have patience?*

Remember God is in control

Remember God is Working

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”

Jeremiah 29:11

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Remember God rewards patience

“Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. ¹⁰Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.

Galatians 6:9

Build patience like a farmer; by waiting expectantly

*Build patience like prophets; by
waiting without complaining*

*James 5:9 “Don’t grumble against one another,
brothers and sisters*

Build Patience like Job; by waiting confidently

James 5:11 b “You have heard of Job’s perseverance and have seen what the Lord finally brought about. The Lord is full of compassion and mercy”.

“But those who trust (hope – wait) in the LORD will find new strength. They will soar high on wings like eagles. They will run and not grow weary. They will walk and not faint.” Isaiah 40.31