FAMILY WORSHIP Guide

Sermon: Faith that Works: Patience Comes from Jesus Text: James 5:7-11 November 22, 2020

Use this guide to engage in further discussion about today's message, applying it to your heart in a personal way. Feel free to alter questions to fit children in your family.

Follow this simple outline:

- Sit down together with no distractions.
- 2. Have a member of the family open in prayer.
- 3. Read all or a portion of the sermon text.
- Work through the discussion questions. Encourage your family to talk.
- 5. Share ways to apply the sermon to life
- 6. Close in prayer.

Time Commitment: 15-20 Minutes

Discussion Questions:

- 1. What is the difference in a Christian trying harder to be patient and a Christian walking in patience as a fruit of the Spirit (Gal. 5:22)?
- 2. What is the practical definition for patience that Pastor Jeff offered in this sermon?
- 3. What lessons do you learn about patience from the farmer, the prophets, and Job?
 - a. Like the farmer, do you trust God with what you cannot control?
 - b. Like the prophets, do you live to please Jesus no matter what it might cost?
 - c. Like Job, do you hold to God's compassion and mercy even when you go through times of suffering?
- 4. Ask each family member to talk about James 5:9. How is this verse connected to patience? Am I taking my loved ones for granted in how I speak to them?
- 5. Does my impatience reveal that I am not depending on the power of Christ in me to carry me until Jesus returns? Am I trying too hard to do things in my own strength?



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