

LET'S TALK



JAMES : PATIENCE, FAITH, LIVE WHAT YOU BELIEVE

You can either use this for personal application of Sunday's message or as part of your preparation for HomeGroup this week.

FINAL WEEK



As we come to the end of our journey through the book of James here is a link to an overview of the book as a reminder of some of the themes that we have looked at: <https://bibleproject.com/videos/james/>

LET'S GO DEEPER



James 5

We looked at the three areas that James covers in this chapter:

- Danger of the hold of wealth & possessions
- Patience of a farmer
- Prayer of faith

Jesus spoke about *"where our treasure is there our heart will be"* and He encourages us to *"store up treasures in heaven rather than on earth"*.

What do you think He means by that?

Can you explain how we do that?

The best way to test if what we have has a hold on us, is to gauge our response when someone else breaks it or if we are willing to give it away. What one material possession would that be a difficult situation for you to navigate?

One of the key ways to remain free from the hold of stuff is to practice generosity - how can you be generous to someone else this week?

As we saw through the example of a farmer, a lot of what he does is done in faith and requires patience. We can learn from considering his ways.

We are responsible for what we can control, the rest we need to leave in God's hands.

We often measure fruitfulness in our time frames and parameters, rather than a lifetime or in view of eternity.

How impatient are you in looking for fruit or success in a situation?

On a scale of 1-5 how likely are you to *"dig up the soil to look at progress"* rather than leaving it in faith to grow at times, even unseen.

Prayer of Faith - we saw that in all things the right response is to turn to God, in the good, the hard, when sick or even in sin. To go to Him is always the right response.

The prayer of the righteous are powerful and effective.

*God always answers no matter what the circumstances are by either...
...changing the circumstance or changing us in the circumstance.*

LET'S APPLY THIS



This week:

Spend time waiting on God and hearing from Him, ask for a fresh and constant infilling of the Holy Spirit.

This week look for opportunities to be generous to others.

Try and be aware of your attitude to your "treasures".

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