



# DIGGING DEEPER

James 5v7-12 – Faith and Patience

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## GETTING STARTED

How does this passage fit with what we looked at last week? Who was James focusing on then? Who is he focusing on now?

How would you sum up this section in one simple sentence?

### 1) BE PATIENT (v7)

Talk about the example James uses and how it helps... Examine the language in v7 carefully...

### 2) STAND FIRM (v8-11)

What does v8 add to v7? (There are definitely 2 things!)

What can we learn from the prophets? (v10)

What can we learn from Job? (v11) See also Job 1v20-21

### **3) DON'T GRUMBLE (v9)**

Why does James speak about grumbling in the context of suffering and injustice?

What is the reason James gives to **not** grumble? How does that work in practice?

Where do you personally need to be most aware when it comes to grumbling?

### **4) DON'T SWEAR (v12)**

What is James saying in v12 and why do you think he talks about it here? How does it fit in the context of waiting patiently and standing firm?

What's the big challenge for you this week? Pray about it...

**Meditate on the words of Paul below...**

**2 Cor 4v16-17:** Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. <sup>17</sup> For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all.