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Today's Scripture Passage: James 5:7-11, page 856 in pew Bible

⁷Be patient, then, brothers, until the Lord's coming. See how the farmer waits for the land to yield its valuable crop and how patient he is for the autumn and spring rains. ⁸You too, be patient and stand firm, because the Lord's coming is near.

⁹Don't grumble against each other, brothers, or you will be judged. The Judge is standing at the door! ¹⁰Brothers, as an example of patience in the face of suffering, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. ¹¹As you know, we consider blessed those who have persevered. You have heard of Job's perseverance and have seen what the Lord finally brought about. The Lord is full of compassion and mercy.

Hebrew 12:1-3

And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

Application Questions

- How does it help you stand firm in the face of injustice knowing that Jesus is there to support you?
- Jesus will judge your grumbling and reward your non-grumbling. How does that knowledge help you develop patience with other believers?
- When you look back at how compassionate and merciful God has been with those who were patient in the face of suffering, how does that motivate you today?

Prayer

- Pray for the pastoral search team and elders as they meet to collaborate.
- Pray for the elders as they schedule a meeting with a pastoral candidate.
- Pray for the vision meeting tonight at 6:30pm in the CE Center.