



Week 12

Text: James 5:7-11, 1 Corinthians 13:4, Galatians 5:22, 2 Peter 2:8-9, Matthew 12:36, John 15:18, Job 42:1-6

Topic(s): Patience as an act of faith; words have an impact; patience brings perseverance; integrity

Big Ideas of the Message: God gives us patience which produces perseverance through his Holy Spirit to grow us into who he has created us to be and to equip us as disciples of Jesus.

Application Point: The measure of patience and perseverance in our lives directly correlates to the health of our relationships with God and other Christ followers.

Discussion Questions:

1. What is the one thing that stood out to you from this week's message?
2. Read James 5:7-11 and James 1:2-3 why does James continue to encourage his readers to be patient and persevere through trials and suffering? How do verses like this help you when setbacks, disappointment, and hardships come into your life?
3. Why should God's faithfulness not be measured by time? Read Hebrews 10:19-25 Why is it important during trials and suffering to draw near to God and each other? How do these relationships bring to life the faithfulness of God?
4. James is genius in using a farmer as an illustration of patience; it really puts patience into perspective for us. In what areas of your life do you struggle with patience? Who has God put in your life to help you grow in the area of patience? What qualities do you see in them that you don't see in yourself?
5. How can Job's life be an encouragement to you in your faith in God and perseverance through tough times?
6. **"Do not blame your troubles on one another" James 5:8-9** New English Version. Why are we blinded to the things in life that keep us from becoming a fully devoted follower of Christ and see what others are doing as the reason for our troubles?
7. How can we pray for you? hopecommunitychurch.life.prayer@gmail.com