

1. James again discusses the topic of trials of a Christ follower. This time he discusses trials in the context of relationships. When have you experienced trials that were related to people? How did you handle them? Why is patience in trials so important?

2. Read **James 5:7-12**.

James makes it pretty clear that how a Christ follower handle trials is a good indicator of their relationship with God. Explain how that works.

A “proper perspective” in trials, involves seeing the big picture of life. Knowing that God exists and is in control of His creation. James mentions the imminent return of Christ multiple times – How does living with this in mind change your outlook on life and trials? On others? Sharing your faith?

We say often that trials really are for “my good and God’s glory.” How can something that is “bad” be good? (c.f. **Romans 8:28**) What is the ultimate goal of trials (**James 1:2-4**)? How can having these thing in-mind help to recognize trials for what they are? How can not seeing trials for what they are result in what James describes in **verse 9**?

What can the prophets teach us about patience in trials? What advantage do we have today having what was written and their examples? (c.f. **Romans 15:4**). Even in the lives of those around you, how can you learn (for the good and the bad) from others? Examples?

How can a Christ follower be blessed through a trial? Thinking short and long term, how can a person committed to Christ expect a blessing? Take time to look at this week’s memory verse and discuss how that relates to this point.

Resting in God’s plan involves surrender. Discuss a time when you were quick to bargain with God in hopes to get your way? How did that work out? How does resting in God’s plan take the pressure off in life?



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MESSAGE SERIES

TODAY’S MESSAGE:
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How to Enjoy Getting Beat Up - James 5:7-12

NEXT SUNDAY:
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Persistent Prayer - James 5:13-20

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UPCOMING AT NORTHAMPTON

WELCOME TO NORTHAMPTON!

We're glad you've decided to join us online or in-person! We want you to know that you are welcome here! Please take the time to fill out our online Connection Card and download the Church Center App to stay connected! Thanks for joining in!

GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP NIGHT

Join us for a night of prayer, worship and encouragement from God's Word as we focus our hearts on trusting God in the quiet. We will have childcare for birth through kindergarten so families can take part in this special time! Join us at 6:00pm on Friday, April 7!

EASTER BREAKFAST

At **9:30** on Easter Sunday morning we will share in breakfast together. Sign-up in the Church Center App so we can have enough food prepared. This is a great opportunity to invite family and friends!

WOMEN'S MONTHLY BIBLE STUDY

Ladies! Join us the **first Saturday** of each month **from 9am-10am** in the Cafe. Our study will be based off the **"52 Weeks in the Word,"** facilitated by Cindy Worrone and Danielle Cordes.

EGG CARTONS NEEDED!

Children's Ministries is in need of empty dozen egg cartons and bags of individually wrapped Easter candy. All items can be dropped off at the Children's check-in desk.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

The next Men's Breakfast will be on **Saturday, April 8 at 8:00am**. Please sign-up in the back of the auditorium.

SPRING CLEAN-UP

Plan to join us on **Saturday, April 8 at 9:00am** to do some spring cleaning at the church (i.e. inside and outside cleaning). Sign-up in the app!

MESSAGE NOTES

PASTOR JOE PRYOR

How to Enjoy Getting Beat Up

James 5:7-12

**Walking with _____ through trials
reveals your heart for God**

How to face trials with patience:

(1) Proper _____ (v 7-8)

(2) Recognize _____ for what they are (v 9)

(3) Learn from the example of _____ (v 10)

(4) Expect _____ (v 11)

(5) _____ in God's plan (v 12)

What is something I'm facing today that I need to surrender to and rest in the Lord?