

James: A Fruitful Faith
How to Live While You Wait



James 5:7-9

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Christ will be _____ – have _____ (v.7)

While you _____ - _____ _____ (v.7–8a)

_____ your _____ - don't drift into _____ (v.8b)

Watch your _____ – don't _____ on each other (v.9)

Questions to think about...

1. When you hear James say, “*be patient until the Lord’s coming,*” what part of life right now feels hardest to patiently endure?
2. How does remembering Jesus is coming back change (or not change) the way you handle present problems?
3. James uses a farmer as an illustration (v.7). What stands out to you about the farmer’s role versus God’s role in the growing process? Where do you most struggle trying to control what only God can do?
4. Where in your life do you feel like “nothing is happening,” even though you are trying to be faithful?
5. James repeats “be patient” twice. Why do you think waiting is such a threat to faith? What usually gives way first in a believer when waiting gets long?
6. Practically speaking, how do you personally anchor your heart when discouragement starts to set in?
7. Which of these do you notice first in yourself when you begin losing heart: less prayer, less joy, irritability, cynicism, or spiritual apathy? Why do you think that one shows up first?
8. Why do you think discouragement with circumstances often turns into frustration with people?
9. Verse 9 says, “*The Judge is standing at the door.*” Is that idea comforting to you, sobering, or both? Why?
10. What is one specific situation this week where you need to practice patient endurance instead of reaction?