

**Sermon:** Establish Your Hearts.  
**Series:** *James: Real Wisdom Real Faith.*

**Scripture:** James 5:7-12.  
**Date:** March 27, 2022

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**OBSERVATION** -- As a group, talk through and summarize the passage. Think through *Who, What, Where, When, How, Why* questions together.

**INTERPRETATION** -- Answer these questions together:

**1. What does this passage teach us about us?**

- a) James addresses two sinful speech patterns in this text: grumbling and lying (not keeping your word). Where do you find yourself grumbling against others? What commitments have you made that you need to keep?
- b) Our words reveal our character. James addresses two character traits in this passage: patience with people and steadfastness (endurance) in situations. Where can you see yourself needing patience and/or endurance?

**2. What does this passage teach us about God?**

- a) James speaks of God as our judge in this passage. How does remembering that God is the judge actually allow us to be patient and steadfast (enduring)?

**3. What does this passage teach us about grace/salvation? How does it point to Christ?**

- a) In what ways did Jesus exhibit patience and endurance while on earth? Did he keep his word? In what ways?
- b) How does Christ and the gospel strengthen our hearts with endurance? Read these scriptures: 2 Thess. 2:17; Col. 1:11; 2 Cor. 1:20-22.

**APPLICATION**

- a) What are some practical ways that you can strengthen your heart with the gospel this week – specifically the truth of Christ’s return?
- b) Where do you need renewed endurance? Where do you need to not quit and keep going? Ask your group to help you stay steadfast through prayer, accountability, and encouragement.

**FIGHTER VERSES: James 4:7-10.**

**PRAYER**

- Praise God for his promise to return as our savior and judge.
- Confess ways that you have grumbled, been impatient, or failed to keep your word.
- Thank Jesus for his death that fulfills all of God’s promises.
- Ask God to strengthen your heart with the promise of his return.