

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

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

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.