



WEEK 12 (August 23, 2015)

INTRODUCTION

Looking for faith that applies and works in the real world? Join us this summer as we make our way through the concise, action-oriented, New Testament book of James. Written by the half-brother of Jesus, the book of James simply and directly challenges us to live out our faith in practical ways. Invite a friend to take this journey with you – a journey to a place where **life is elevated** because active faith leads us to new heights with God.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What is the hardest thing you've ever had to wait for?
2. Read James 5:7-11. The people James was writing to were going through very difficult times. What is your first reaction to James' advice for them to "be patient"?
3. Why do you think James' goes out of his way to grumble about *each other* in the middle of this passage about being patient through trials?
4. James says, "We give great honor to those who endure under suffering." Do you think that's true?
5. What is one significant thing that you are waiting on in life that it is really hard to be patient with right now?

Note: each week during this series, we'll post a challenge on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram using the hashtag #heightschallenge to pass along a specific challenge from that week's message. Feel free to incorporate that challenge into your group discussion!

You, too, must be patient. Take courage, for the coming of the Lord is near.

-James 5:8

READ THE BIBLE WITH US!

In 2015, we are encouraging everyone to read through the entire Bible! To help you with that, you will find the suggested daily passages listed here each Sunday throughout 2015. There are also several similar plans online at www.Bible.com. After each day's reading, answer these questions in your mind or preferably, in a journal. Question: *What one thing from today's reading sticks out the most? What might God be trying to communicate to me as a result?*

August 23: Psalm 119:105-176; 1 Corinthians 5

August 24: Psalm 102-123; 1 Corinthians 6

August 25: Psalm 124-127; 1 Corinthians 7:1-24

August 26: Psalm 128-131; 1 Corinthians 7:25-40

August 27: Psalm 132-135; 1 Corinthians 8

August 28: Psalm 136-138; 1 Corinthians 9

August 29: Psalm 139-141; 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

August 30: Psalm 142-144; 1 Corinthians 10:14-33