



2. Verse 4 speaks about workers who have not been paid by their wealthy employers. In our own society, have you heard of workers not being paid for the hours they have worked? When this happens to the poor, what redress do they have? What responsibilities do we as disciples or followers of Christ have to address these problems? (Psalm 12:5)

### **DAY 3: Read James 5:5-6**

1. James is quite critical of wealthy people in these verses. What reasons or justifications do rich people offer for treating people—including other Christians—this way? If a homeless person made this accusation today, how would you answer?
2. How can we be implicated in misdeeds done both intentionally and unintentionally? What light does James 4:17 shed on this?

### **DAY 4: Read James 5:7-9**

1. Why does James counsel us to be patient in our suffering? If you were among the oppressed referred to in verses 4-6, what Christian resources would be available to you?
2. What does James write about the time factor related to the Lord's coming? How should your answer to this question affect your hope in a time of trial? (See also Matthew 6:27 and Titus 2:13.)
3. Once again James peers into what we are talking about, even in a time of trial or oppression. In such a time, how can we avoid complaining, griping, or blaming someone for our misfortune? How is this verse an illustration of James 1:26?

**DAY 5: Read James 5:10-12**

1. Why would James use “*the prophets*” as an example of those speaking in the name of the Lord who had to be patient? Why would “*those who have persevered*” be considered blessed?
2. Why did Job have to persevere, and what “*did the Lord finally bring about*”?
3. While verse 12 seems like a non-sequitur, can you find a connection with the preceding verses? Why is the integrity of your word so important to James?
4. Why would James begin verse 12 with the words “above all”? What is the significance of that phrase?

**DAY 6: Reread James 5:1-12**

1. Think of one of God’s teachings in these verses that is of special meaning to you personally and memorize the verse.
2. James always wants us to move from Bible study to incarnational action. What are you moved to do as a disciple of Christ because of this passage?