

# Scripture

**James 5:7-11**

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# **I. The Command: Hold On!**

**1) Be Patient - Vs. 7, 8, 10**

**2) Stand Firm - Vs. 8**

**3) Persevere - Vs. 11**

## **II. The Motivation: Christ is Coming - Vs. 7-8**

**1) God is the Lord of History**

**2) The Time of Suffering is Limited**

### **I Peter 5:10 -**

And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you.

## **II. The Motivation: Christ is Coming - Vs. 7-8**

### **3) Justice Will be Done**

“Without entrusting oneself to the God who judges justly, it will hardly be possible to follow the crucified Messiah and refuse to retaliate when abused. The certainty of God’s just judgment at the end of history is the presupposition for the renunciation of violence in the middle of it.”

**~Miralsav Volf - Exculsion & Embrace, 302**

# **III. The Encouragement**

**1) Farmers - Vs. 7**

**2) Prophets - Vs. 10-11**

## **Hebrews 11:35-38, 13-16-**

Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, so that they might rise again to a better life. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were killed with the sword. They went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted,... mistreated, of whom the world was not worthy—wandering about in deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth.... These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth...they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city.

# III. The Encouragement

## 3) Job - Vs. 11

### **Job 1:21 -**

And he said, “Naked I came from my mother’s womb, and naked shall I return. The LORD gave, and the LORD has taken away; blessed be the name of the LORD.”



# III. The Encouragement

## 3) Job - Vs. 11

### **Job 2:10 -**

But he said to her...”Shall we receive good from God, and shall we not receive evil?” In all this Job did not sin with his lips.

## **IV. The Promise: Blessings - Vs. 11**

### **James 1:12 -**

Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him.

## **IV. The Promise: Blessings - Vs. 11**

### **Matthew 5:11-12 -**

Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

# **V. The Evidence: No Grumbling - Vs. 9**