

Bible Talk Outline



COMPLETE IN OUR SUFFERING | Luke Dahlenburg

Bible reading: James 5:7-12

Three Habits of Awareness

1. Look Forward → Hope in Jesus' return
2. Look Back ← Learn from faithful examples
3. Look Down ↓ Guard your heart & words

Big Idea: Tenacious Patience

1. Look Forward (5:7-9)

Endure suffering with hope

Patience is active, not passive

Stand firm in faith → God will bring justice

Illustrations:

Athlete pre-season → endure because you know the goal

Farmer & crops → be intentional while waiting

2. Look Back (5:10–11)

Historical examples remind us we are not alone:

Jeremiah: betrayal, mockery, threats → faithful to God's word

Job: suffering without knowing why → entrust to God's wisdom

3. Look In (5:12)

Speak honestly → "Yes" or "No"

Words reveal the heart, especially under stress

Trust in Jesus → nothing to prove

Tenacious Patience

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Which of James' three habits do you most need to practice right now: Looking forward, looking back, or looking in?