

FAITH THAT WORKS

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Practical Patience.

Patience/steadfastness = 7 times

Be patient, then, brothers and sisters, until the Lord's coming. See how the farmer waits for the land to yield its valuable crop, patiently waiting for the autumn and spring rains. James 5:7

Patience is a discipleship life skill
we all need to develop.

**What are you having
to be patient about
at the moment?**

**What are you waiting
on God for?**

So how do we wait patiently?

The only positive way forward in situations requiring patience is the way of prayer.

How many times do you think Prayer is mentioned in verses 12ff?

Prayer and Patience are linked.
God is working in our waiting!

Pray Pray Pray

Suffering/trouble- all kinds of bad situations.

Happy- Not the absent of trouble but a time where you are in 'good' heart.

**James means here that there is no
time in life that God does not
invite us to himself.
Calvin**

Do I have to pray out loud?

This passage is less about the how
but much more about the Who
with.

*Pray needs to happen in community.
Is anyone among you ill? Let them call the
elders of the church to pray over them
and anoint them with oil in the name of the
Lord. 5:14*

Why do we struggle with this?

Praying for healing.

It's hard to share how we really are.
What happens if I am not healed?

Confessing our Sin

Unspoken sin holds power, confessed sin unlocks forgiveness.

Accountable relationships help us walk away from sinful habits.

Time to give it a go!

- **Patience and steadfastness is a discipleship life skill we need to develop.**
- **The key to developing this life skill is prayer.**
- **The key to pray that produces a steadfast spirit is to pray together.**

Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.
James 5:16