

**Hope Presbyterian Church
Sermon-Based Bible Study Group**



November 19, 2023

“Patience and Prayer” - #6 in the series James: A Faith That Works

Texts Referenced (NLT): James 5:7-16, Proverbs 14:29, Isaiah 14:24

1. What stood out to you about the message?

2. Consider this definition of patience - *the ability to bear a trial calmly or without complaint.*
 - What kinds of situations test your patience?
 - Why is patience difficult to learn or practice?

3. **Read James 5:7-11.**
 - In what ways is the patience of a farmer a good example of how we are to develop patience as a spiritual trait?
 - Who has been a model of patience in your life? What did you learn from them?

4. **Read James 5:13-16, Proverbs 14:29**
 - James connects the act of prayer and practicing patience in difficult situations.
 - Why is prayer often NOT the first thing we do when we're impatient?
 - Why are we sometimes reluctant to ask others to pray for us?
 - How has knowing that someone has prayed for you made you feel?

5. **Read Isaiah 14:24.**
 - How do you reconcile Isaiah's reminder that *God will do what God will do* with James' encouragement to pray with bold faith?
 - How do James and Isaiah's teachings about prayer help us understand patience?

6. How can we pray for you?