

MESSAGE 5: A FAITH THAT KEEPS ME HOPEFUL

Parts 1-2

“You must be patient. Keep your hopes high, for the day of the Lord's coming is near.” James 5:8 (TEV)

“Do not give up hope!” James 5:8 (NCV, GW, ICB)

HOW FAITH IN GOD AND HIS WORD KEEPS US HOPEFUL IN DIFFICULT TIMES

WE HAVE HOPE...

1. BECAUSE WE KNOW _____

“Take the old prophets as your mentors. They put up with anything, went through everything, and never once quit, all the time honoring God.” James 5:10 (MSG)

“We fix our attention, not on the things that are seen, but on things that are unseen, because what can be seen is temporary and will last only for a short time, but what cannot be seen will last forever.” 2 Corinthians 4:18 (TEV)

2. BECAUSE WE KNOW _____

“My brothers and sisters, when you have many kinds of troubles, you should be full of joy, because you know that these troubles test your faith, and this will give you patience. So let it grow, for when your endurance is fully developed, you will be strong in character and ready for anything!” James 1:2-4 (NCV/NLT)

“These little troubles are getting us ready for an eternal glory that will make all our troubles seem like nothing.” 2 Corinthians 4:17 (CEV)

3. BECAUSE WE KNOW _____

“...Always be slow to become angry because human anger will never achieve God's righteous purpose.” James 1:19-20

“Don't complain or grumble against each other, or you will be judged by God who is standing right at the door!” James 5:9

4. BECAUSE WE KNOW _____

“Abraham believed God, and because of his faith God accepted him as righteous.’ And so Abraham was called God's friend.” James 2:23 (TEV)

5. BECAUSE WE KNOW _____

“Be patient. Stay steady and strong because the Lord could arrive at any time.” James 5:8 (MSG)

6. BECAUSE WE KNOW _____

“What a gift life is to those who stay the course! You've heard of Job's staying power, and you know how God brought it all together for him at the end. That's because God cares, cares right down to the last detail.” James 5:11 (MSG)

7. BECAUSE WE KNOW _____

“Happy are those who remain faithful under trials, because when they succeed in passing such a test, they will receive as their REWARD the Life which God has promised to those who love him.” James 1:12 (TEV)

“Every athlete in training submits to strict discipline in order to win a prize that will not last; but we do it for one that will last forever!” 1 Corinthians 9:25 (TEV)

“So be glad! There is wonderful joy ahead, even though right now you've had to endure suffering trials and grief for a little while.” 1 Peter 1:6

“What we suffer now is nothing compared to the glory He will give us later!” Romans 8:18 (NLT)

“There's no comparison between the present hard times and the coming good times!” Romans 8:18 (MSG)