



EXALTING JESUS CHRIST

PROCLAIMING GOD'S GRACE

## **“Patience in the Present”**

JAMES 5:7-11

**MAIN POINT:** A FOCUS ON OUR FUTURE ENABLES PATIENCE IN THE PRESENT.

### **I. What are we waiting for? The Return of Christ**

### **II. How long we must wait? Until the Return of Christ**

### **III. How should we wait? Patiently, Humbly and Steadfastly**

#### **Application Questions:**

1. What does it mean to be a spiritual refugee?
2. What are you waiting for? In the midst of waiting, where are you focusing your hope?
3. Are you currently experiencing the temptation to believe that suffering will never end? If so, what does Scripture have to say about the end of suffering? Who is this hope reserved for?
4. What are you most tempted to grumble and complain about? When you grumble, what lie have you believed? How does your remembrance of the cross help silence grumbling and enable thanksgiving?
5. If you are currently experiencing difficulty, are you tempted to feel sorry for yourself? If so, do you believe are the only one to experience suffering? Take time to consider those men and women who suffered in the past. Was there grace enough for them? Will there be grace enough for you?
6. As you experience suffering, why is it important to remember that the “Farmer” is growing something in you in order to prepare you for Heaven? Are there passages of Scripture that you can meditate on that will serve you to remember what He’s doing?
7. Do you have hope and joy in considering Jesus’ second coming? Why or why not?