

Truth as seen in the book of James-Week 13 Outline

- I. Introduction
 - A. Upcoming Baptism and Baby Dedication service
 - B. Church-wide dinner
 - C. Nearing the end of the book of James

- II. Main Theme: Patient Endurance in Christian Life
 - A. Living with an eye on eternity
 - B. God's call to a different rhythm of living

- III. Three Guiding Principles from James 5:7-12
 - A. Waiting patiently for the Lord's return
 - B. Standing firm without grumbling
 - C. Speaking truth with integrity

- IV. Principle 1: Waiting Patiently (James 5:7-8)
 - A. Definition of patience in Greek
 - B. Farming analogy
 - C. Strengthening hearts
 - D. The promise of Christ's return

- V. Principle 2: Standing Firm Without Grumbling (James 5:9-11)
 - A. Warning against grumbling
 - B. God's presence as Judge
 - C. Examples of prophets and Job

- D. God's compassion and mercy

- VI. Principle 3: Speaking Truth with Integrity (James 5:12)

- A. Avoiding oaths

- B. Letting yes be yes and no be no

- C. Importance of honesty in Christian witness

- VII. Conclusion

- A. Recap of the three principles

- B. Life Change Challenge