

# RULES FOR THE ROAD

- 1 Be concise.** Please share your thoughts and answers, but be considerate so that others will have time to share their answers also. Be charitable and kind. Be willing to share with the group, but do not try to dominate the conversation. Use the time after the class to find help with any personal issues or problems you may be confronting in your life.

“Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, because human anger does not produce the righteousness that God desires.”

(James 1:19–20)

- 2 Be thoughtful with your answer.** Consider your words. Do not simply regurgitate what you have always heard. We have the tendency to speak in “Christianese” — words that only people who grew up on the pews would understand. Think about how your words will be heard by others. Will they understand what you are saying? Is what you are about to say going to be useful for the building up of the faith of others? Or will your words be confusing, cause hurt, or worse, damage someone’s faith? Speak without harshness or anger, but with kindness and humility.

“Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen.”

(Ephesians 4:29)

- 3 Rely on the scriptures for truth.** It is easy to rely upon conventional, worldly wisdom as truth. Bible study is about seeking God’s answers for our lives, not dispensing the advice of the world. We must consider that our natural answers may be the wrong answers if they are not founded on God’s word.

“For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength.”

(1 Corinthians 1:25)

Have you ever read a chapter in the Bible but then could not remember what you had read? Have you ever fallen asleep while reading? An hour after you read, do you retain what you have read? These problems destroy enjoyment in Bible reading and therefore we must use a method of Bible reading that will solve this problem. To read properly we must be keen observers. We must see words and phrases that stand out while at the same time collecting the whole thought. Remember, the important thing is not how many times you have gone through the Bible, but how many times the Bible has gone through you!

## **Observe // what do I see?**

Every time we study the Bible, the first thing to ask is, "What do I see?" This is the crucial skill of observation, which lays the groundwork for your study. The text is given to you so that you will underline, circle, box, and highlight important words as you read. As you read look for comparisons, contrasts, purposes, results, causes, explanations, conclusions, and conditions. Ask yourself who, what, where, when, why, and how as you read. Keep asking these questions as you read to prevent a lazy brain while reading. Look for themes and main ideas from the passage.

## **Interpret // what does it mean?**

Our observation of a passage should stir interesting yet challenging questions, leading us to the second stage of our Bible study: interpretation. Reread through the passage after your observation notations have been made looking to answer what the passage means. Record your explanations of the text in the workbook.

## **Apply // how does this affect me?**

Our Bible study is not over until we apply what we have learned to our everyday lives. Write down lessons that you have learned for your own life especially things that you see you need to change. Only you know your heart and what is happening in your life to be able to apply God's word directly to you. Bible study is fruitless if we do not take the information we have learned and directly change our lives. Write down how the passage affects you. The transformation section in the workbook will help you in this effort.

## **Share // how can I share my findings with us?**

Now we want to share our findings with others. We want to share our observations, interpretations, and applications with others in the Bible class. This is your opportunity to hear what others have found in their studies and for you to share what you found. By doing this we are able to build one another up and grow up in the unity of the faith (Ephesians 4:12-13). If we do not share what we have found then we will be unable to grow together as the family of Christ.

## 1 CORINTHIANS 10:13

6 Now these things took place as examples for us, that we might not desire evil as they did. 7 Do not be idolaters as some of them were; as it is written, “The people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play.” 8 We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. 9 We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did and were destroyed by serpents, 10 nor grumble, as some of them did and were destroyed by the Destroyer. 11 Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come. 12 Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall. 13 No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it. (1 Corinthians 10:6-13 ESV)

No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it. (1 Corinthians 10:13 NRSV)

No trial has overtaken you that is not faced by others. And God is faithful: He will not let you be tried beyond what you are able to bear, but with the trial will also provide a way out so that you may be able to endure it. (1 Corinthians 10:13 NET)

**1** Read 1 Corinthians 10:1-5. What are the historical events Paul referring to as he speaks about these things taking place “as examples for us”?

**2** What are the different ways that the people of Israel failed (10:6-10)?

**3** What is the warning in verse 12? Why would we think that we stand?

4 In light of the context, what is the message of verse 13?

What is the hope?

What is the warning?

What is the instruction?

5 The Greek word translated "temptation" in verse 13 can also be translated "trial." The same Greek word is used for both in the New Testament. Included above are two versions that translate verse 13 in this way. Think about this teaching regarding trials. What is the message of verse 13?

What is the hope?

What is the warning?

What is the instruction?

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## **JOB 1**

6 Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan also came among them. 7 The LORD said to Satan, "From where have you come?" Satan answered the LORD and said, "From going to and fro on the earth, and from walking up and down on it." 8 And the LORD said to Satan, "Have you considered my servant Job, that there is none like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man, who fears God and turns away from evil?" 9 Then Satan answered the LORD and said, "Does Job fear God for no reason? 10 Have you not put a hedge around him and his house and all that he has, on every side? You have blessed the work of his hands, and his possessions have increased in the land. 11 But stretch out your hand and touch all that he has, and he will curse you to your face." 12 And the LORD said to Satan, "Behold, all that he has is in your hand. Only against him do not stretch out your hand." So Satan went out from the presence of the LORD. (Job 1:6-12 ESV)

20 Then Job arose and tore his robe and shaved his head and fell on the ground and worshiped. 21 And he said, "Naked I came from my mother's womb, and naked shall I return. The LORD gave, and the LORD has taken away; blessed be the name of the LORD."

22 In all this Job did not sin or charge God with wrong. (Job 1:20-22 ESV)

- 1 Read the first five verses of Job 1. Write down the character of Job. Is there any way to see the troubles of Job as the result of sinful living?
- 2 What does Satan say is the reason that Job serves God? Do you think this is a common charge against those who claim to be servants of God? Do you think Satan is right in his charge against God followers? Do you think Satan is right if he were to charge you with this claim?
- 3 Read Job 1:13-19. What did Job lose? Over what course of time did Job experience these losses?
- 4 Is God in control of what is happening to Job or is Satan in charge of what is happening? Explain. What help or hope does this give to you?



## JOB 2

1 Again there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan also came among them to present himself before the LORD. 2 And the LORD said to Satan, "From where have you come?" Satan answered the LORD and said, "From going to and fro on the earth, and from walking up and down on it." 3 And the LORD said to Satan, "Have you considered my servant Job, that there is none like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man, who fears God and turns away from evil? He still holds fast his integrity, although you incited me against him to destroy him without reason." 4 Then Satan answered the LORD and said, "Skin for skin! All that a man has he will give for his life. 5 But stretch out your hand and touch his bone and his flesh, and he will curse you to your face." 6 And the LORD said to Satan, "Behold, he is in your hand; only spare his life."

7 So Satan went out from the presence of the LORD and struck Job with loathsome sores from the sole of his foot to the crown of his head. 8 And he took a piece of broken pottery with which to scrape himself while he sat in the ashes.

9 Then his wife said to him, "Do you still hold fast your integrity? Curse God and die." 10 But he said to her, "You speak as one of the foolish women would speak. Shall we receive good from God, and shall we not receive evil?" In all this Job did not sin with his lips. (Job 2:1-10 ESV)

- 1 What does the Lord say about Job? What has Job done that the Lord is praising?
- 2 What is Satan's response? What does Satan charge against Job to explain why Job has remained faithful to the Lord? Do you think this is a common charge against those who claim to be servants of God? Do you think this charge is right?
- 3 Who is in charge of what is happening to Job? How do you know?





## JOB 33

8 Surely you have spoken in my hearing, and I have heard these very words:

9 “I am pure, without transgression; I am clean and have no iniquity.

10 But he finds reasons to oppose me; he regards me as his enemy.

11 He puts my feet in the stocks; he stands watch over all my paths.”

12 But I tell you that you are wrong in this matter, since God is greater than man.

13 Why do you take him to court for not answering anything a person asks?

14 For God speaks time and again, but a person may not notice it.

15 In a dream, a vision in the night, when deep sleep comes over people as they slumber on their beds,

16 he uncovers their ears and terrifies them with warnings,

17 in order to turn a person from his actions and suppress the pride of a person.

18 God spares his soul from the Pit, his life from crossing the river of death.

19 A person may be disciplined on his bed with pain and constant distress in his bones,

20 so that he detests bread, and his soul despises his favorite food.

21 His flesh wastes away to nothing, and his unseen bones stick out.

22 He draws near to the Pit, and his life to the executioners.

23 If there is an angel on his side, one mediator out of a thousand, to tell a person what is right for him

24 and to be gracious to him and say, “Spare him from going down to the Pit; I have found a ransom,”

25 then his flesh will be healthier than in his youth, and he will return to the days of his youthful vigor.

26 He will pray to God, and God will delight in him. That person will see his face with a shout of joy, and God will restore his righteousness to him.

27 He will look at men and say, “I have sinned and perverted what was right; yet I did not get what I deserved.

28 He redeemed my soul from going down to the Pit, and I will continue to see the light.”

29 God certainly does all these things two or three times to a person

30 in order to turn him back from the Pit, so he may shine with the light of life. (Job 33:8-30 CSB)

**1** Elihu addresses Job after the many words Job has spoken against the Lord. There are many reasons to believe Elihu's words are accurate, including that God does not condemn him at the end of the book for his counsel and Job does not counter Elihu's speech like he does the three friends. What does Elihu say Job has said wrong in his speeches? What does Elihu say is wrong with Job's thinking...

In verse 9:

In verse 10:

In verse 11:

In verse 13:

- 2 What does Elihu say God is doing in trials in Job 33:15-18?
  
- 3 What does Elihu say God is doing in trials in Job 33:19-26?
  
- 4 What does Elihu say God is doing in trials in Job 33:27-30?
  
- 5 Read Job 34:5-12. Is God doing us any wrong as we go through our trials?
  
- 6 Read Job 35:5-16. Does God owe us anything for living righteously before him?
  
- 7 Read Job 36:16-23. Does our suffering mean that God will not judge the wicked even when they seem to prosper and avoid suffering?

What is God doing through the trial? Can we tell God when to stop accomplishing this work? Can we tell God he has done us wrong for putting us in the trial?

- 8 Read Job 37. Can we tell God how our lives are supposed to go? Can we tell God how to run the world or that we do not like what he is doing?

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## GENESIS 50

15 When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "It may be that Joseph will hate us and pay us back for all the evil that we did to him." 16 So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this command before he died: 17 'Say to Joseph, "Please forgive the transgression of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you.'" And now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. 18 His brothers also came and fell down before him and said, "Behold, we are your servants." 19 But Joseph said to them, "Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? 20 As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today. 21 So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones." Thus he comforted them and spoke kindly to them. (Genesis 50:15-21 ESV)

- 1 The life story of Joseph begins in Genesis 37 and concludes in Genesis 50. Write down a summary of highlights from Joseph's life. What happened to him? What did his brothers do to him? What has been the cause of Joseph's troubles?
- 2 What are the brothers of Joseph afraid of now that their faith has passed away? What do they request from Joseph?
- 3 What is Joseph's understanding in verse 19? Why is he not going to retaliate against his brothers for what they did to him? What New Testament scriptures confirm this perspective that Joseph has? Who in the New Testament exemplified this same behavior?
- 4 What does Joseph say in verse 20? What does he say about the brothers? Are the brothers absolved of their responsibility for the evil they did to Joseph?



## JOHN 9

1 As he passed by, he saw a man blind from birth. 2 And his disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” 3 Jesus answered, “It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him. 4 We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. 5 As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” 6 Having said these things, he spit on the ground and made mud with the saliva. Then he anointed the man’s eyes with the mud 7 and said to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing. (John 9:1-7 ESV)

1 What question did the disciples of Jesus have? Do we have the same questions when we see trials and suffering? Do we presume blame on people when we see them suffering?

2 What does Jesus say is the reason for this man’s condition? What does Jesus mean by this?

## JOHN 11

1 Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. 2 It was Mary who anointed the Lord with ointment and wiped his feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was ill. 3 So the sisters sent to him, saying, “Lord, he whom you love is ill.” 4 But when Jesus heard it he said, “This illness does not lead to death. It is for the glory of God, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.” 5 Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. 6 So, when he heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. (John 11:1-6 ESV)

3 Did Jesus love Mary, Martha, and Lazarus? What did he do though he loved them?

4 Why did Jesus let Lazarus die? What was his purpose?

## **JOHN 11**

17 Now when Jesus came, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. 18 Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles off, 19 and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them concerning their brother. 20 So when Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, but Mary remained seated in the house. 21 Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. 22 But even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you.” 23 Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.” 24 Martha said to him, “I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.” 25 Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, 26 and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?” 27 She said to him, “Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world.” (John 11:17-27 ESV)

- 5 What did Martha believe Jesus could have done? What did she not understand Jesus could do or would do? Do we ever fail to trust or fail to pray because we do not understand what God is doing? Explain.

## **JOHN 11**

32 Now when Mary came to where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet, saying to him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” 33 When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in his spirit and greatly troubled. 34 And he said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.” 35 Jesus wept. 36 So the Jews said, “See how he loved him!” 37 But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man also have kept this man from dying?” (John 11:32-37 ESV)

- 6 What did Mary believe Jesus could have done? What did she not understand Jesus could do or would do?
- 7 What did the critic think of Jesus regarding Lazarus? Do we ever have the same way of thinking about God?
- 8 Read John 11:38-44. What did Jesus do? Did the sisters expect this? How do our expectations of God interfere with our faith?

## **TRANSFORMATION:**

What did you learn about God? What did you learn about yourself?

## ROMANS 5

1 Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. 2 Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. 3 Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, 4 and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, 5 and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

6 For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. 7 For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— 8 but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. 9 Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. 10 For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. 11 More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation. (Romans 5:1-11 ESV)

**1** Write down what we have because we have been justified by faith (5:1-2). What does Paul say we rejoice in from verses 1-2?

**2** How are we able to rejoice in our sufferings, according to verses 3-5? Think about each process and thoughtfully write down how God works through our trials.

How does suffering produce endurance:

How does endurance produce character:

How does character produce hope:

How does hope not disappoint or put us to shame:





## ROMANS 8

14 For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. 15 For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!” 16 The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, 17 and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

18 For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. 19 For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. 20 For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope 21 that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. 22 For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. 23 And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. 24 For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? 25 But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

26 Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. 27 And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. 28 And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. 29 For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. 30 And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified. (Romans 8:14-30 ESV)

- 1 What does Paul say we must experience if we are children of God? Why? What is God’s purpose for suffering?
- 2 What is Paul’s perspective of suffering, according to verse 18? Why is this an important consideration? Does your suffering ever seem not worth it?
- 3 What are we waiting for? What are we looking forward to? What is our hope? Are we able to see or experience this hope yet?

4 Look at the end of verse 25. What are we expected to exercise as we wait in hope through our suffering?

5 Who else do we have as our help? What is this help?

6 What hope is given to us in verse 28?

7 What goal is God accomplishing through our suffering (8:29-30)?

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## 2 CORINTHIANS 12

7 So to keep me from becoming conceited because of the surpassing greatness of the revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to harass me, to keep me from becoming conceited. 8 Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me. 9 But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. 10 For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong. (2 Corinthians 12:7-10 ESV)

1 What was God’s purpose for Paul’s thorn in the flesh? What was Satan using the thorn in the flesh to do to Paul?

2 Did God answer Paul’s prayers regarding the thorn in the flesh? Did this mean that God was not listening to Paul? Did this mean God did not care? Do we ever think that God does not care or is not listening when our prayers appear to be unanswered or we are given “no” answers?

3 What was God’s answer to Paul’s prayer (12:9)? What does this mean?

What does it mean that God’s grace is sufficient?

What does it mean that God’s power is made perfect in our weakness?

4 What is Paul’s boast? What does this mean? How is this “the power of Christ may rest upon me”?

5 How is Paul content in his suffering and weaknesses?

6 How can we be strong when we are weak? How does this make sense? What does this mean?

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## HEBREWS 12

1 Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, 2 looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

3 Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted. 4 In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood.

5 And have you forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as sons? “My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, nor be weary when reproved by him.

6 For the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and chastises every son whom he receives.”

7 It is for discipline that you have to endure. God is treating you as sons. For what son is there whom his father does not discipline? 8 If you are left without discipline, in which all have participated, then you are illegitimate children and not sons. 9 Besides this, we have had earthly fathers who disciplined us and we respected them. Shall we not much more be subject to the Father of spirits and live? 10 For they disciplined us for a short time as it seemed best to them, but he disciplines us for our good, that we may share his holiness. 11 For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.

12 Therefore lift your drooping hands and strengthen your weak knees, 13 and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be put out of joint but rather be healed. (Hebrews 12:1-13 ESV)

**1** Who are the great cloud of witnesses that surround us (see Hebrews 11)? What is described about their lives?

**2** What do we need to do to run with endurance when going through the hardships of this life (12:1-2)? What does the author say holds us back? What does the author say we must be looking toward?

**3** What are we to consider when we look to Jesus (12:3-4)?

- 4 What are we supposed to understand about our relationship with God when we go through suffering and trials (12:5-7)?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 5 What would it mean regarding our relationship if we were not going through suffering and trials (12:8-9)?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 6 What are God's purposes in our discipline (12:10-11)?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 7 What must we do when suffering (12:12-13)? What does this mean? What does this look like in our lives?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 8 What will happen if we do not do what the author says to do in verse 12-13?

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## **JAMES 1**

2 Consider it a great joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you experience various trials, 3 because you know that the testing of your faith produces endurance. 4 And let endurance have its full effect, so that you may be mature and complete, lacking nothing.

5 Now if any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God—who gives to all generously and ungrudgingly—and it will be given to him. 6 But let him ask in faith without doubting. For the doubter is like the surging sea, driven and tossed by the wind. 7 That person should not expect to receive anything from the Lord, 8 being double-minded and unstable in all his ways. (James 1:2-8 CSB)

7 What is God doing to our faith when we experience trials?

8 What are the trials supposed to produce in us? Are letting the trials have their full effect? How do we do this?

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## **HEBREWS 10**

32 But recall the former days when, after you were enlightened, you endured a hard struggle with sufferings, 33 sometimes being publicly exposed to reproach and affliction, and sometimes being partners with those so treated. 34 For you had compassion on those in prison, and you joyfully accepted the plundering of your property, since you knew that you yourselves had a better possession and an abiding one. 35 Therefore do not throw away your confidence, which has a great reward. 36 For you have need of endurance, so that when you have done the will of God you may receive what is promised.

37 For, “Yet a little while, and the coming one will come and will not delay;

38 but my righteous one shall live by faith, and if he shrinks back, my soul has no pleasure in him.”

39 But we are not of those who shrink back and are destroyed, but of those who have faith and preserve their souls. (Hebrews 10:32-39 ESV)

**5** What does the author say these Christians were experiencing in their trials?

**6** What did they do for each other as they went through this suffering?

**7** How were they able to remain strong through their suffering (10:34)?

**8** What are we throwing away if we do not endure?

**9** What do the righteous do during hardships and suffering? Who does God take no pleasure in?

**10** What will happen to us if we do not endure?

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## JAMES 5

7 Be patient, therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient about it, until it receives the early and the late rains. 8 You also, be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand. 9 Do not grumble against one another, brothers, so that you may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing at the door. 10 As an example of suffering and patience, brothers, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. 11 Behold, we consider those blessed who remained steadfast. You have heard of the steadfastness of Job, and you have seen the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful. (James 5:7-11 ESV)

**1** James tells us that we need patience as we wait for Christ's return. Who is the first example of patience (5:7). What does this example teach us?

**2** What will we be tempted to do while we wait for the Lord's return?

**3** Who are the second examples of patience (5:10)? What does their examples teach us?

**4** Who is the third example of patience (5:11)? What does his example teach us?

**5** How do we see the compassion and mercy of the Lord in Job's life?

How do we see the purpose of the Lord in Job's life?

**6** What about trials and suffering makes us impatient?

**7** Write down what you can do differently so that you can have more patience during the next trial that comes in your life.

**TRANSFORMATION:**

- What questions do you have from the lesson?

- What did you learn about God? What did you learn about yourself?

- What will you do differently in your life?



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