

# A FAITH THAT HITS HARD

James 5

## MESSAGE RECAP

We've come to the final "round" in James, and he isn't about to soften the punches now. James challenges us to examine our relationship with money, urging us not to hoard or live in self-indulgence but to put God at the center of our finances. He calls us to patience as we approach people and our faith. Finally, He calls the church to pray: for the sick, for forgiveness, and for one another. The goal is not just to finish but to finish strong, standing firm, praying hard, and helping each other stay close to the truth.

## GROUP DISCUSSION

1. After listening to the message, what stood out to you?
2. When you hear "finish strong," what comes to mind? Can you think of a time in your life when you had to dig deep to finish well?
3. Read James 5:1-6.
  - a. What warnings does James give about wealth and possessions?
  - b. Why do you think our finances can so easily become a spiritual battleground?
4. Read James:7-11.
  - a. Which of James's images of patience (farmer, prophets, Job) stand out most to you? Why?
  - b. Where do you find it hardest to be patient in your life right now?
5. Read James 5:13-18.
  - a. What stands out to you about James's instructions on prayer?
  - b. What role does confession and praying for one another play in spiritual health?
6. What is one area of your life where you need to "stand firm" right now?
7. Who in your life might need your encouragement or prayer support this week?

## PRAY

*End your group time in prayer.*