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James | Faith That Works
“Are We There Yet?”

James 5:7-12 (CSB)

BIG IDEA: Every “*how long*” has an “*until*.”

1. **Settle in.**

James 5:7-8 (CSB)

- Work the field. Trust him with the rain.
- Patience isn’t about how strong you are. It’s about who made the promise.

  This week, draw two columns:
  - My part: make the call, show up, pray again.
  - God’s part: the rain.

2. **Stop fighting in the back seat.**

James 5:9 (CSB)

- Hurting people rarely turn on God first. They turn on each other.
- Grumbling at its core is dissatisfaction with the sovereign plan of God.
- Don’t groan out. Groan up.

James 5:12 (CSB)
Proverbs 17:22 (CSB)

- Joy isn’t a break from the fight. Joy is how you stay in it.

3. Look out the window.

James 5:10-11 (CSB)

- We stand in a long line of those who have endured suffering.
- Patience isn't staying quiet. It's staying.

Polysplanchnos (James 5:11):
Poly = many.
Splanchna = guts.
God feels it all the way down.

- Don't judge the trip from the middle of the road.

Your "until" has a name.

Hebrews 12:2 (CSB)
Revelation 22:20 (CSB)

- You're not driving to him. He's coming to you.
- Life is only unfair if God is finished.
- Every "how long" has an "until." And your until has a name.

