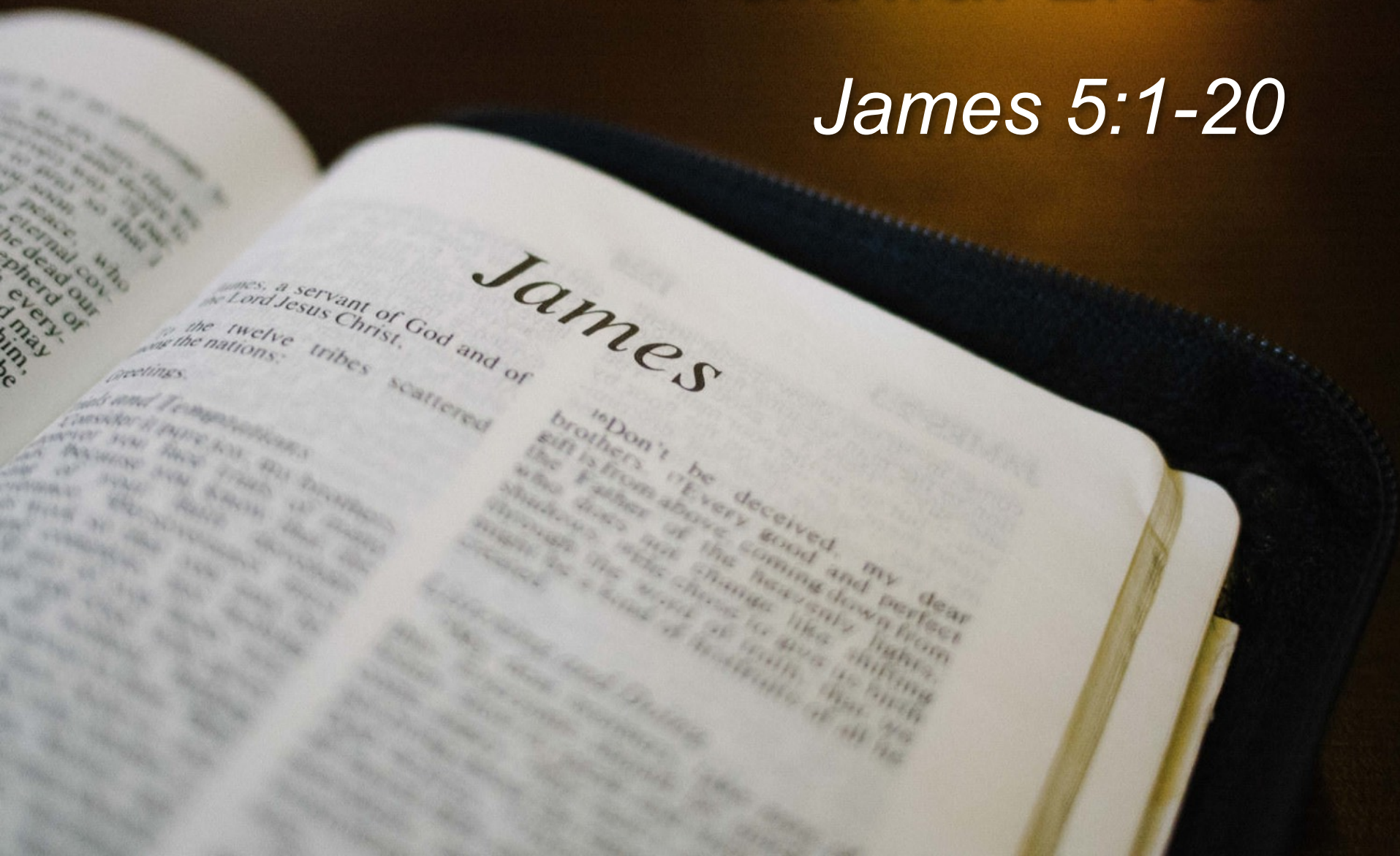
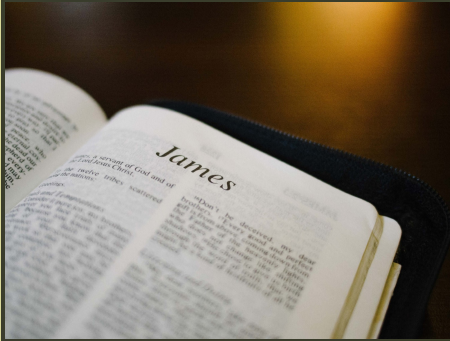


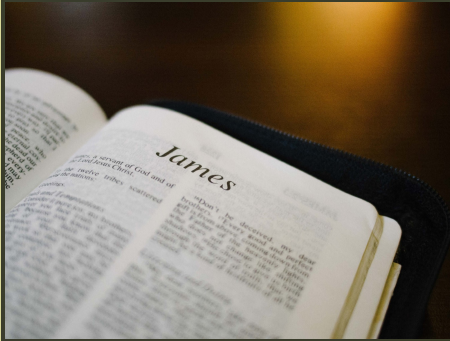
# Faithful Lives

*James 5:1-20*





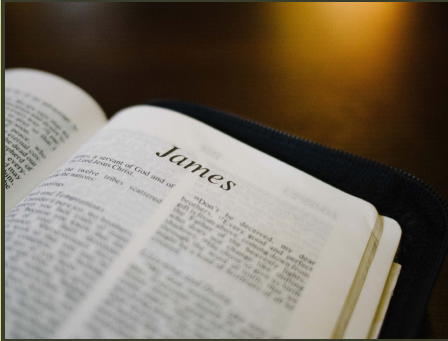
- James has not been a very systematic book
- A heartfelt sharing of James' concerns as things have come to his mind



# Living Faithful Lives

- A messy but meaningful exploration of life together
- *Challenges to the rich*
- *Patience and perseverance*
- *Prayer should be our daily response*

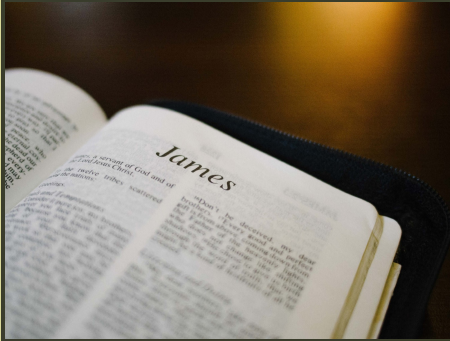




# Faithful to one another

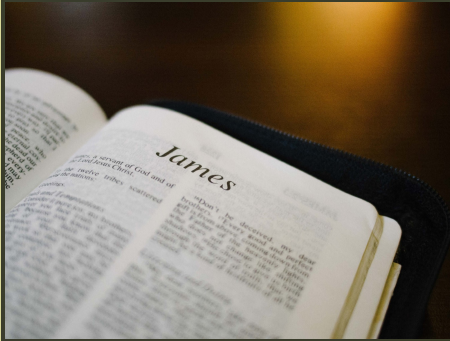
- James 5:1-6





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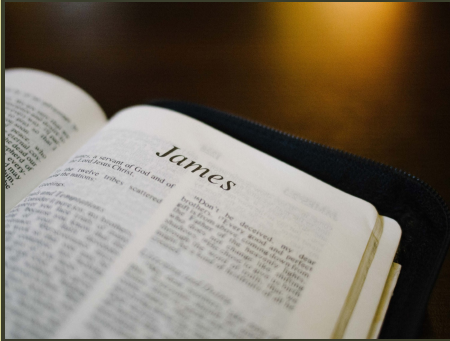
- He points to the judgement God will pass on all who put money ahead of people
- James words are about any who have more than another



# Faithful to one another

- Things should never be put above people
- “Your wealth has rotted, and moths have eaten your clothes. Your gold and silver are corroded.”

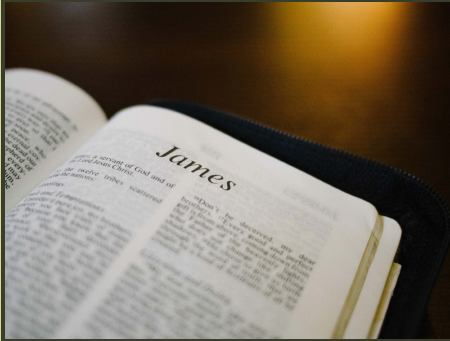
James 5:2-3



# Faithful to one another

- “The love of money is a root of all kinds of evils” 1 Timothy 6:10

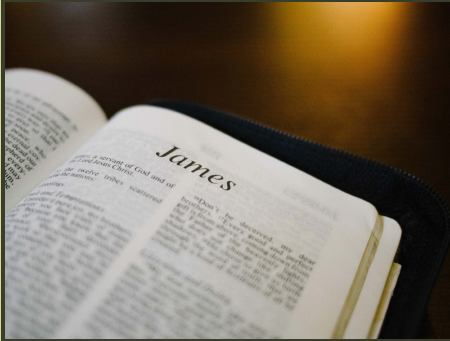




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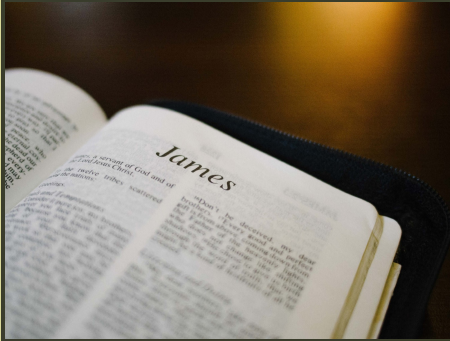
- The Love of money can:
- Corrupt our relationships
- Destroy people's peace
- Shift our sense of value and significance





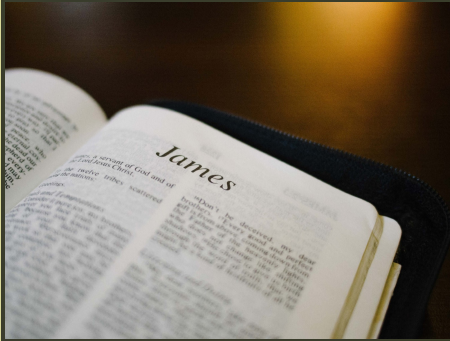
# Faithful to one another

- Wealth is not evil but the love of money is



# Faithful when things are tough

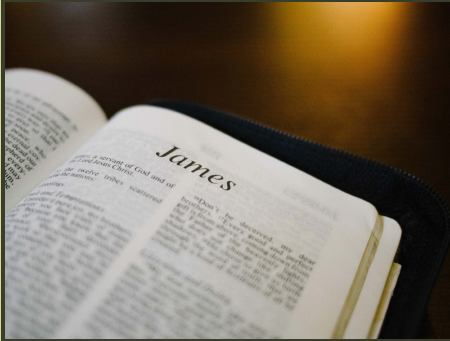
- James 5:7-12
- “Be patient, then, brothers and sisters, until the Lord’s coming. See how the farmer waits for the land to yield its valuable crop, patiently waiting for the autumn and spring rains.



# Faithful when things are tough

- You too, be patient and stand firm, because the Lord's coming is near. Don't grumble against one another, brothers and sisters, or you will be judged. The Judge is standing at the door!" James 5:7-9

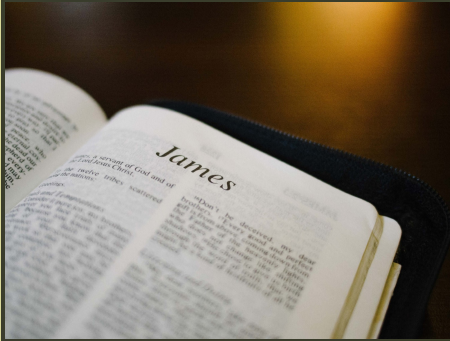




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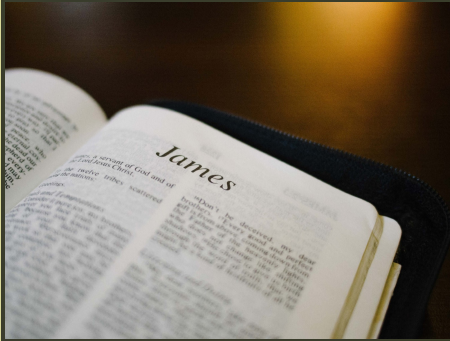
- “be patient” literally means to be long-tempered
- “Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer”

Romans 12:12



# Faithful when things are tough

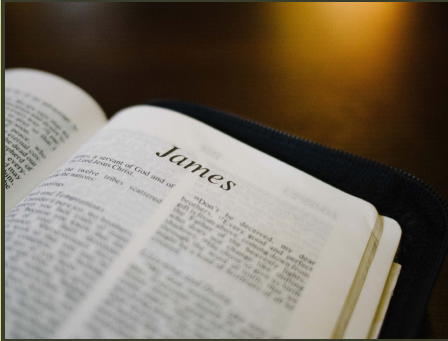
- “Brothers and sisters, as an example of patience in the face of suffering, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. As you know, we count as blessed those who have persevered.



# Faithful when things are tough

- You have heard of Job's perseverance and have seen what the Lord finally brought about. The Lord is full of compassion and mercy." James 5:10-11

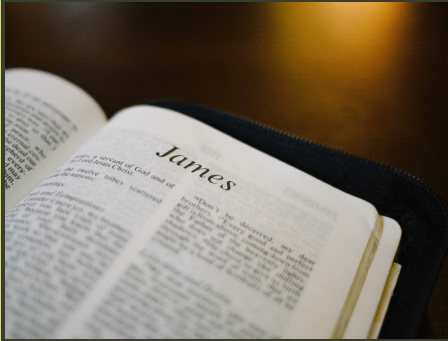




# Faithful in prayer

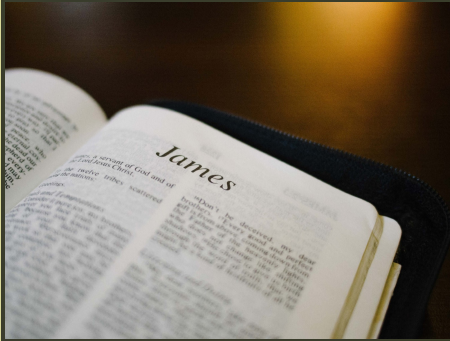
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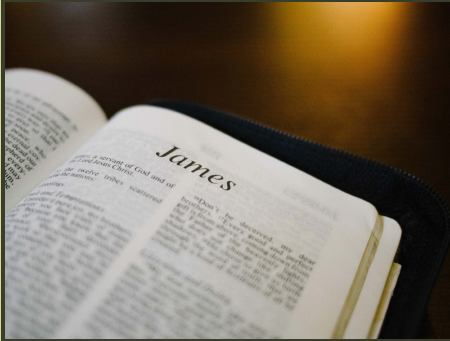
- If we need healing we pray
- When things are good and we are happy we give thanks in prayer
- When we face troubles God cares will hear and answer us



# Faithful in prayer

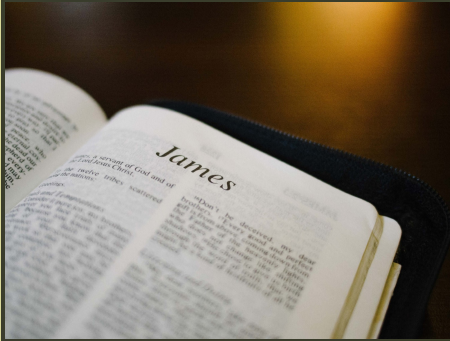
- Prayer brings us back into close relationship
- Prayer releases us again in forgiveness
- To pray is about living in the reality of the salvation Jesus came to bring us





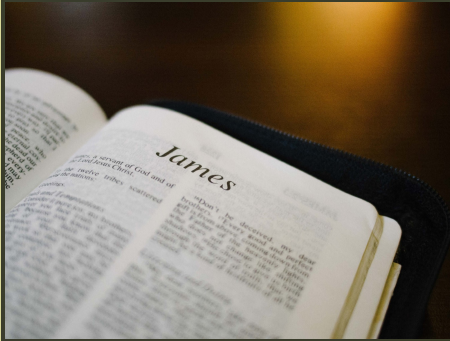
# Faithful in prayer

- “Elijah was a human being, just as we are,,,” James 7:17
- "el" and "jah" = "Jehovah is God"



# Faithful in prayer

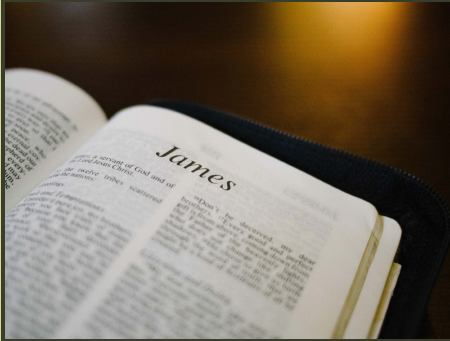
- Elijah was just an ordinary person, and that God can take ordinary people and accomplish extraordinary things with them
- A renewed understanding of what God can do with even ordinary people like me and you



# Faithful Lives

- Staying strong
- Right Religion
- Faith in Action
- Living Wise
- God in Charge





# Faithful Lives

- Faithful to one another
- Faithful when things are tough
- Faithful in prayer