

Faith Works 14:

James 5:7-12

10/13/19

How did God speak to you through Sunday's worship and the message of James on Faith Works?

POINT: Though no one join me, still I will Follow

1. What is the most difficult thing you have ever had to wait for? Did you exhibit patience? What "tries" your patience?

How do you think someone can "get" or "learn" patience? What do you think is the secret to patience?

Read 1Cor 13.4a; 1Thess 5.14; 2Pet 3.9 and discuss what core thoughts about patience you gain from these verses.

2. Read v8. What does it mean to "establish your heart" and why is it important? How do you think v8 is related to v9?

3. Read v10-11. What is the relationship between suffering and patience? Do you relate to what James says in v11, "we consider blessed those who remained steadfast"? Explain?

4. How does "the Lord is full of compassion and mercy" play a part in the way you handle daily inconveniences or severe hardships?

5. Read v12. What is the primary concern of James in this verse? How would you put his point into your own words?

6. How should the Lord's return make a difference in the way we see our daily lives with its ups and its downs? How can we make his return a part of our daily awareness of his presence as well as his coming?