FAITH + ACTION

Give me Patience, NOW!

James 5:7-20

1. Now that our study in the book of James is over, looking back what were some of the highlights for you from this series? What did you learn from James that you didn’t know before? What if anything from the series, impacted your life?

2. In what area of your life are you struggling to demonstrate patience? Is there a particular person who is trying your patience? How does your impatience manifest itself?

3. Share your thoughts and insights on the following verses about patience. Just how important do you think patience is?

* Proverbs 14:29 (NIV)
* Proverbs 15:18 (NIV)
* Romans 12:12 (ESV)
* II Peter 3:9 (ESV)
* II Timothy 4:2 (ESV)

4. James 5 ends with two seemingly off-the-wall verses, verses 19-20. There’s another verse in this section that doesn’t seem to fit with the passage, and that’s verse 12. Read it and explain what you think it means, and why you think James may have inserted it here.

5. Read James 5:13-18 on the section on prayer. Share your thoughts and insights from this passage on the important topic of prayer. What do you think is meant by “the prayer of faith” in verse 15? How important do you think it is that we confess our sins to one another (verse 16)? Is this something you regularly practice? Is there anyone in your life you consider “righteous” and that you go to in a pinch when you need prayer?