

Surviving Life's Problems

Surviving the Challenges of Life

James 5:7-12

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My brethren, take the prophets, who spoke in the name of the Lord, as an example of suffering and patience. Indeed we count them blessed who endure.

— James 5:10-11 NKJV

Three Universal Problems

1. Circumstances are uncontrollable (James 5:7).
2. People are unpredictable (James 5:10).
3. Problems are unexplainable (James 5:11b).

Three Essential Beliefs in Surviving Problems

1. Know that God is in control (James 5:8).
2. Know that God rewards patience (James 5:11; Matt. 5:13-14).
3. Know that God is working all things out (James 5:11b; Rom. 8:28; Phil. 2:13).

Four Overcoming Attitudes when Facing Problems

1. Wait expectantly (James 5:7; Ps. 130:5 TLB; Is. 49:23 GN).
2. Wait quietly and guard your mouth (James 5:9; Lam. 3:26; Hab. 2:3).
3. Wait confidently (James 5:11b; Mic. 7:7; Ps. 37:7).
4. Wait patiently (James 5:7-8; Psalms 105:19).

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