**“Living Out Your Faith through Patience”**

**James 5:7-11**

**AUTHORSHIP: It is quite generally agreed that James, called by Paul “the Lord’s brother,” (Gal. 1:19), was the writer of the epistle.**

**TO WHO ADDRESSED: Apparently to the Jewish converts who lived outside the Holy Land, possibly also to the devout Jews of the dispersion, ch.1:1.**

**MAIN THEME: Practical Religion, manifesting itself in good works, contrasted with mere Profession of Faith.**

**KEY TEXTS: James 1:27 – Religion that God the Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world; James 2:26 – As the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without deeds is dead.**

**PATIENCE/PATIENT**

**Makrothumeo, mak-roth-oo-meh’-o; *to be long-spirited, forbearing or patient: - bear (suffer) long,* *be longsuffering, have (long) patience, be patient, patiently endure.* Makrothumia, mak-roth-oo-mee’-ah; *longanimity, forbearance or….fortitude: - longsuffering, patience*. Hupomone, hoop-om-on**-**ay*’*; *cheerful (or hopeful) endurance, constancy: - enduring, patience, patient continuance (waiting).***

**3** *knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance***. 4** *And let endurance have its perfect**result,**so that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.* **– James 1:3-4**

1. **LESSONS FROM THE FARMER (James 5:7-9)**
	1. **Until the coming of the Lord -**
	2. **The precious produce -**
	3. **The early and late rains –**
	4. **Strengthen your hearts –**
	5. **Do not complain –**
	6. **The Judge is at the door –**
2. **LESSONS FROM THE PROPHETS (James 5:10)**
	1. **Suffering and patience –**
	2. **Who spoke in the name of the Lord –**
3. **LESSONS FROM JOB (James 5:11)**
	1. **We count them blessed who endured –**
	2. **Full of compassion and is merciful –**

**Sample Harvest Homes Questions**

**1) Which verses stand out to you?**

**2) What principles and lessons do you see in the word?**

**3) How can you apply these principles to your life?**

**4) What teachings or statements don’t you quite understand and want to study further?**

**5) What did you learn about God?**

**6) What did you learn about human nature?**

**7) What did you learn about your own relationship with God?**

**8) You believe that God is calling you to\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**