

Coffee Talk

Week Seven

James chapter Five

~ Encourage ~

~ Strengthen ~

~ Share ~

You'll be *encouraged* as you hear each story of trial and growth, faith and grace, love and healing.

You'll be *strengthened* as you complete our simple and uplifting Bible study.

You'll *share* your growing joy and faith with others!

It's *contagious!*

Welcome!

We're glad you're here. Coffee Talk is the summer series for our Faith & Fellowship women's ministry at LMCC. Each week we meet and hear teaching from God's word as well as testimonies of women like you who have lived and moved through challenges and have found strength and hope in God and through His Word. We love to connect in person and online through social media.

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Discussion Questions

July 24/25

Just for fun...

- What event in history would you like to have witnessed in person?
- If you could live in any time period, which would it be?

Think and share...

- In James 4:4 we read that making friends with the world is making an enemy with God. That can be a difficult truth from the Word of God. How do you apply this truth in your own life?
- How have you seen that God "opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble?" (James 4:8)
- Share something you learned, were challenged by, or found encouragement in from the previous week's study through James chapter four.

“Lost in Christ, Forever Found”

with Rebekah Cañamar

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Coffee Talk Summer Study

Week Six ~ James Chapter Five

This study is designed to offer daily time in the Word of God for the purpose of understanding better who God is and in so doing knowing ourselves and our purpose better. This is a simple, light study to give you an overview of Scripture and an exposure to thinking biblically and studying exegetically.

We'll read, think, pray, write, consider, and apply the truths and concepts we find in the Word of God. Use any version of the Bible you're comfortable with. I recommend the English Standard Version (ESV) Bible. You can also use a smartphone app, but getting the Bible into your hands will elevate your experience, so I strongly advise you use a good ol' fashioned Bible. Be willing to write and highlight and take notes in your Bible. Set aside time every day, and grow in the discipline of actual study. Join the online Bible study community, or study on your own. Amazing rewards await those who take the time to read and study God's Word.

Lots of ways to join the study in community:

- LIVE weekdays at 7am → www.Facebook.com/LMCCWomen
- The recording any time → www.DwellingRichly.Podbean.com or iTunes, podcast app, or
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~ This Week's Focus ~

Wait for the Lord's return and wait well.

Day One – Read James chapter Five

Read [James 5:1-20](#) Use the next page or your Bible study journal/notebook to write any notes, thoughts, questions, even drawings, that will help you engage and understand the Scripture. **Before you read**, pray that God would open the eyes of your heart to see clearly the wonders in His word ([Psalm 119:18](#)) and that He would give you wisdom (James 1:5) to grasp and apply what you are reading.

1. As you read this chapter, make note of any commands, warnings, and points of encouragement in this chapter. Note also to whom they are given.
2. Which of these (commands, warnings, encouragements, etc.) from your reading do you find personally applicable? Why?

~ Notes from James 5:1-20 ~

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Day Two – James 5:1-6

Read [James 5:1-6](#)

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1. How would you summarize James' warning to his readers in 5:1-6?
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2. Compare this warning to [James 1:9-11](#) and [James 2:5-7](#). What similarities do you read? Differences?
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3. James 5:3 is interesting in its boldness because of the properties of gold. What do you know about gold in particular that would make this a very strong statement about the uselessness of gaining worldly wealth while ignoring the poor?
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4. What does God's Word elsewhere have to say about...
... "laying up treasure?" [Matthew 6:19-21](#)

...living for self? [Luke 12:19-21](#)

...treatment of laborers? [Leviticus 19:13](#)
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5. Read Genesis 4:9-11 and James 5:4. What does this say to you about the nature, plans, and heart of God - the Lord of hosts?
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6. James has a lot to say about the characteristic behaviors of a righteous person. Note each verse and what each says about how a righteous person behaves:
[James 1:20](#)

[James 2:23](#)

[James 3:18](#)
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[James 5:6](#) (Read [Matthew 5:38-42](#) for more understanding on not resisting.)

7. How does [James 1:27](#) relate to our passage today?
8. Share through a prayer, poem, or drawing the heart of today's passage as it relates to your life today, any changes in your behavior you need to make, any priorities you have:

Day Three – James 5:1-12

Read [James 5:7-12](#)

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1. James opens and now closes this letter with a focus on “steadfastness” and “patience.” Review James 1:1-12 with James 5:7-12. What key points about these qualities does James make?

1:3

1:12

5:7

5:8

5:10-11

2. What are the righteous to do and what will be their reward? James 5:7 and [1 Thessalonians 4:13-18](#)

3. What is the connection James is reminding us of when he speaks of the farmer and waiting? Read also [Deuteronomy 11:13-14](#).
4. How would you explain what James means when he says in 5:8 to “Establish your hearts...” Consider [1 Thessalonians 3:11-13](#) and [1 Peter 5:6-11](#)
5. James give his readers a sense of immediacy about the Lord, our Judge, returning soon. What does he warn against doing while we wait? What does he admonish us to be doing instead? James 5:9-11
6. What eternal truths about God’s character does James remind us of in 5:11? That God is _____ and _____
7. Write [Exodus 34:6](#) – _____
8. James wraps up this passage with an “above all” statement. What does he say we should NOT do? _____ Instead, we should...

How would you put this verse into use in your life TODAY?

Day Four – James 5:13-18

Read [James 5:13-18](#)

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1. What should we do in each of these circumstances? Answer according to James 5:13-18, but also include what you have read in previous chapters of James or elsewhere in Scripture. I’ve included some references for you to consider:

Suffering:

[Colossians 3:16](#)

[1 Peter 4:12-19](#)

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Cheerful:

[Romans 12:15-16](#)

[2 Corinthians 9:6-7](#)

Sick:

[Psalm 107:19-21](#)

Do you need prayer today? Are you sick? Suffering? If you do, please reach out. You are in a community of believers who will come alongside you and pray with and for and over you. Don't ignore the prompting to reach out for prayer. You can call me at 562.755.4964

2. In order for a prayer to have great effect, what does James say about the person who prays it?

3. If you are not seeing "great effect" from your prayer life, what then could be the reason? _____ How could you change that? Read [Psalm chapter one](#) for details:

4. Who does James use as his example of "the prayer of a righteous person" having great effect? _____ Do you think God will work through you in the way He worked through Elijah? Why or why not?

5. Martin Luther said of prayer: *"I have so much to do that I shall spend the first three hours in prayer."* and *"To be a Christian without prayer is no more possible than to be alive without breathing."* —Martin Luther
How's your prayer life today? Effective? Weak? Consistent? Sporadic? How would you like it to be?

Consider how you can surrender this part of your life to the Father. Ask Him today for a more powerful and effective prayer life.

Day Five – James 5:19-20

Read [James 5:19-20](#)

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1. Four times in James, he tells the reader “if anyone _____” Summarize each instance here:

James 1:23

James 1:26

James 3:2

James 5:19

2. In order to respond to any of these “if” situations, what must one be aware of?
3. This presupposes that we as followers of Christ are not only aware of our own heart issues but of one another’s as well. How can we be more aware of each today?
4. James 5:19 tells us to do what and to whom?
5. What are the two results of bringing someone back from wandering from the truth? Read also [1 Peter 4:7-11](#).
6. Consider what you would have to know or do in order to be effective and righteous in “bringing back a wanderer from truth.”

7. Considering this world's popular notion that "truth is relative" or "your truth is as good as mine", what does it say about "truth" that someone could wander from it?

8. What did Jesus say about truth? John 14:6 and John 8:31-35

Prayer, wandering from truth, sins and being spared from death...a lot of concepts in these few verses may leave you with more questions than answers or in need of more clarification. If you are wanting more, let's talk! You can reach me at Jennifer@LaMiradaChurch.com.

*You are loved
and prayed for.*

