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|  | <b>James 5</b>  |
|  | <b>Power – Patience – Prayer</b>                      |
|  | 26 November 2023 in-person<br>3 December 2023 on-line |

## Discussion Questions

### Power 5:1-6

- What strikes you about these verses?
- How are money and power linked?
- Why do you think many Christians want power?
- Why do you think James links money and power to the eschaton [end times]?
- How do you respond to the John Wimber quote:
  - If you don't know how to give, then you don't understand the Kingdom.
  - To be trusted with more is the willingness to give your best.
  - Kingdom is about giving our best as everything we have is from Him anyways..

Some additional passages

- Leviticus 19:13
- Ezekiel 45:9
- Micah 3:1-4
- Matthew 6:19-21
- Luke 6:24-26

### Patience 5:7-12

- What makes us impatient?
- Why is being patient so hard?
- What does James say about patience, here in these verses and back in 1:2-4?

### Prayer 5:13-20

- How many types of prayer do you practice?
- Why do we sometimes restrict prayer when Jesus says “*Always pray and never give up*” Luke 18:1?
- Do you think of prayer as being (consciously, actively) in the presence of Jesus? Why or why not?
- In what sense do you see prayer as being the battle?
- What does James call believers to do in these verses?
- In verses 17-18 James uses the example of Elijah
  - Why do we tend to focus on the power and the miraculous of his prayer?
  - James’ focus is on the humanness, the everydayness, the like-us-ness of Elijah?  
What significance does that have for our prayer life?
- What does James say prayer can do?
- Why do you think we tend to skip over James’ statement on confession.
- Pastor Mike said: We fear the consequences of confession because we have yet to realize the consequences of concealment.
  - How do you respond to this?