

The Way We Could Be
Enduring Suffering with Patience
James 5:7-12 (page 1202)

Question: How do we live rightly in a world that often seems so very wrong?

I. The Call: Be Patient in light of the Lord's Coming (vs. 7a)

II. An Illustration: A Farmer (vs. 7b-8)
~ Living with expectancy about things beyond their control

III. Two Examples: The Prophets and Job (vs. 10-11)
~ No, we are not the first to face hardship

IV. A Place of Application: Our Speech (vs. 9,12)
~ Living with patience keeps us from rash speech

Points to Ponder: Why do we lack the patience about which James writes? Could it be that on some level we doubt God's sovereignty or even proudly think we have a better plan? Think about that for a time.

A Note to Parents: Please know that the children who leave the service during the sermon are looking at the same passage we are considering. We hope that you will initiate a conversation with them about this portion of God's Word.

Next Week: Next week we will continue our sermon series entitled: *The Way We Could Be* by looking at **James 5:13-18** *Responding to Real Life with Prayer*.

