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ESTABLISH YOUR HEART

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BIG IDEA

Wealth is not the final measure of righteousness; our trust, methods, and generosity reveal the heart. James calls us to steward what God provides and establish our hope in the coming King.

READ TOGETHER

James 5:1-8 | Notice the warnings, the cries for justice, and the call to patient hope.

INTO THE SERMON

LOOK BACK AT SUNDAY

- 1 What idea, phrase, or illustration from Sunday's sermon stayed with you most? What made it memorable?
- 2 Pastor Sam said the issue is not simply wealth or poverty, but righteousness. How did the sermon distinguish having resources from trusting, gaining, or using them sinfully?

INTO THE TEXT

OPEN JAMES 5

- 1 Read James 5:1-3. What happens to the stored-up riches, garments, gold, and silver? What warning does their decay give?
- 2 Read verses 4-6. What specific injustices does James confront? Whose cries are heard, and what do these verses reveal about God?

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WAIT FOR THE KING

- 3 Read verses 7-8. What does the farmer teach about patient faith? What are believers waiting for, and how are they to wait?
- 4 How does the command to 'establish your hearts' answer the false security exposed in verses 1-6? Where is lasting hope located?

APPLICATION

STEWARD WITH HOPE

- 1 How can income, savings, work, or possessions quietly become our source of peace and security? What helps us place our trust in God instead?
- 2 What would faithful stewardship look like for workers, employers, business owners, and families who want their resources to bring glory to God and good to others?

THIS WEEK

CHOOSE ONE

- Read James 5:1-8 and ask what your spending, saving, and giving reveal about your hope.
- Review one financial or work decision for fairness, honesty, and the good of other people.
- Practice open-handed generosity toward your church, a neighbor, or someone in genuine need.
- When financial anxiety rises, pray James 5:8 and place your security in the coming Lord.

MEMORY VERSE / JAMES 5:8

"You also, be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand."