

# WELLSPRING

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## W O R S H I P C E N T E R

### Sermon Questions: James 5 Perseverance 5/07/2023

1. In chapter 5 of James' letter, he uses Job as an example of someone in the Bible who had to persevere. If you had to choose a Bible character who persevered, who would you choose?
2. According to the Bible, bad things happen to us for several reasons. Which of these three reasons stands out to you more than others:
  - Our own sin
  - The sin of others
  - Issues unrelated to sin
3. We used a diagram with two distinct circles representing the visible world and the invisible world. If Christians are called to live in the intersection of these two worlds, how can we actually do this?
4. In Job 42:5, Job says, "My ears had heard of You, but now my eyes have seen You." This experience brings a profound change in Job. Why do you think encountering God has such a transformative effect on us?
5. We can find at least four types of people in the Bible as it relates to perseverance. Do any of these resonate with how you approach the concept of perseverance?
  - People who need things immediately
  - People who can persevere for a while
  - People who relegate everything to the future in heaven
  - People who will not let go of God until blessed by Him
6. What do you think of the statement, "Instead of asking the question, 'Is this behavior sin,' we should be asking the question 'Does this behavior help me run the race'"?
7. Although all things are lawful to us, not all things are profitable or beneficial. Can you name a good thing in your life that became a hinderance?
8. In the analogy of running a relay race, what did you think of the concept of previous generations watching us (Hebrews 12:1) run the race? What if previous generations receive prizes based on how we finish the race?