

WORSHIP GUIDE – SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 6TH – 10:15AM

Strength for Steadfastness

Welcome: [Pastor Bernie]

- Today's passage calls us to and encourages us in perseverance. We'll consider the second part of the passage we began last week from James 5:7-12. Last week we saw in verses 7-9 how the coming of the Lord teaches us self-restraint. Today as we continue James' exhortation in verses 10-12, we will realize how God's character both produces and blesses steadfastness.
 - **James 5:10-12** - ¹⁰ *As an example of suffering and patience, brothers, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.* ¹¹ *Behold, we consider those blessed who remained steadfast. You have heard of the steadfastness of Job, and you have seen the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful.* ¹² *But above all, my brothers, do not swear, either by heaven or by earth or by any other oath, but let your "yes" be yes and your "no" be no, so that you may not fall under condemnation.*
- We need strength to remain steadfast. Where are we to look for perseverance? In this passage, James directs the attention off of ourselves by putting a bright spotlight on God's purposes and character. Today we will let Scripture and song remind us of these things as we rely upon Him to faithfully endure.

REMEMBER GOD'S PURPOSES

Congregational Song: Almighty Unchangeable God

Who spread out the clouds before Him?
Who fashioned the earth with His hands?
Who created the starry host,
And formed the earth at His command?
Who scatters lightning before Him,
Commands the rain and snow to fall?
Who makes the nations tremble?
Who is Lord over all?

*He is Almighty, Unchangeable God,
King of kings, Lord of lords,
Robed in majesty.
He rules and reigns, for all eternity,
Almighty, Unchangeable God.*

He is like the light at sunrise,
Like the brightness after the rain.
Robed in splendor,
He's seated on His heavenly throne above.
His glory fills the heavens;
He is exalted over all.
Yet this God of Heaven loves me

With an everlasting love.

*He is Almighty, Unchangeable God,
King of kings, Lord of lords,
Robed in majesty.
He rules and reigns, For all eternity,
Almighty, Unchangeable God.*

Congregational Song: Wonderful Merciful Savior

Wonderful, merciful Savior
Precious Redeemer and Friend
Who would have thought that a Lamb
Could rescue the souls of men
Oh, You rescue the souls of men

Counselor, Comforter, Keeper
Spirit we long to embrace
You offer hope when our hearts have
Hopelessly lost our way
Oh, we've hopelessly lost the way

*You are the One that we praise
You are the One we adore
You give the healing and grace
Our hearts always hunger for
Oh, our hearts always hunger for*

Almighty, infinite Father
Faithfully loving Your own
Here in our weakness You find us
Falling before Your throne
Oh, we're falling before Your throne

*You are the One that we praise
You are the One we adore
You give the healing and grace
Our hearts always hunger for
Oh, our hearts always hunger for*

Pastoral Prayer for personal and corporate steadfastness: [Pastor Steve]

REMEMBER GOD'S FAITHFULNESS

Congregational Song: By Faith

By faith, we see the hand of God
In the light of creation's grand design;
In the lives of those who prove His faithfulness,
Who walk by faith and not by sight.

By faith, our fathers roamed the earth
With the power of His promise in their hearts
Of a holy city built by God's own hand –
A place where peace and justice reign.

*We will stand as children of the promise,
We will fix our eyes on Him, our soul's reward.
Till the race is finished and the work is done,
We'll walk by faith and not by sight.*

By faith, the prophets saw a day
When the longed-for Messiah would appear
With the power to break the chains of sin and death,
And rise triumphant from the grave.

By faith, the church was called to go
In the power of the Spirit to the lost
To deliver captives and to preach good news,
In every corner of the earth.

*We will stand as children of the promise,
We will fix our eyes on Him, our soul's reward.
Till the race is finished and the work is done,
We'll walk by faith and not by sight.*

By faith, this mountain shall be moved
And the power of the gospel shall prevail,
For we know in Christ all things are possible
For all who call upon His name.

*We will stand as children of the promise,
We will fix our eyes on Him, our soul's reward.
Till the race is finished and the work is done,
We'll walk by faith and not by sight.*

Congregational Song: His Mercy is More

What love could remember no wrongs we have done
Omniscient, all knowing, He counts not their sum
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more

*Praise the Lord His mercy is more
Stronger than darkness, new every morn
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more*

What patience would wait as we constantly roam
What Father, so tender, is calling us home
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor

Our sins they are many, His mercy is more

*Praise the Lord His mercy is more
Stronger than darkness, new every morn
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more*

What riches of kindness he lavished on us
His blood was the payment, His life was the cost
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more

*Praise the Lord His mercy is more
Stronger than darkness, new every morn
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more*

Children 3-K5 dismissed to Junior Church

Message: James 5:7-12 [Pastor Steve]

⁷ Be patient, therefore, brothers, ^[a] until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient about it, until it receives the early and the late rains. ⁸ You also, be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand. ⁹ Do not grumble against one another, brothers, so that you may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing at the door. ¹⁰ As an example of suffering and patience, brothers, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. ¹¹ Behold, we consider those blessed who remained steadfast. You have heard of the steadfastness of Job, and you have seen the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful. ¹² But above all, my brothers, do not swear, either by heaven or by earth or by any other oath, but let your "yes" be yes and your "no" be no, so that you may not fall under condemnation.

Closing Meditation and Personal Response: Have Thine Own Way, Lord [Becky Frieese – Piano Solo]

Have Thine own way Lord
Have Thine own way
Thou art the potter I am the clay
Mold me and make me after Thy will
While I am waiting yielded and still

Have Thine own way Lord
Have Thine own way
Search me and try me Master today
Whiter than snow Lord wash me just now
As in Thy presence humbly I bow

Have Thine own way Lord
Have Thine own way
Hold over my being absolute sway
Filled with Thy spirit till all can see
Christ only always living in me

Closing Announcements: *[Pastor Bernie]*

Men's Prayer Breakfast – Saturday, February 12th at 8:00am

Gem's Valentine Banquet – Friday, February 18th

Sunday Night Fellowships the next two Sunday nights (February 13th & 20th)

- Next Sunday Night February 13th – Organic Fellowships
- Sunday February 20th – Sunday School Fellowships

Lord's Supper – 6:00pm in the auditorium