1 Come now, you rich, weep and howl for the miseries that are coming upon you. 2 Your riches have rotted and your garments are moth-eaten. 3 Your gold and silver have corroded, and their corrosion will be evidence against you and will eat your flesh like fire. You have laid up treasure in the last days. 4 Behold, the wages of the laborers who mowed your fields, which you kept back by fraud, are crying out against you, and the cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. 5 You have lived on the earth in luxury and in self-indulgence. You have fattened your hearts in a day of slaughter. 6 You have condemned and murdered the righteous person. He does not resist you. 7 Be patient, therefore, brothers, 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.

Quotes

"God whispers to us in our pleasure, speaks in our conscience, but shouts in our pain: it is His megaphone to rouse a deaf world." -C.S. Lewis on Suffering

"Patience is bitter, but its fruit is sweet." -Jean-Jacques Rousseau on Patience

"All things come to him who waits - provided he knows what he is looking for." -Woodrow T. Wilson

"If you judge people, you have no time to love them." -Mother Teresa

Notes from the message:		

Scriptures on patience: 2 Thes 3:5; 1 Tim 6:11; Gal 6:9; Psalm 37:7; Psalm 40:1; 2 Peter 3:8-10; Rom 2:4; 1 Tim 1:15-17; Col 3:23-25; Heb 10:35-36

What stands out to you in these verses?
What are some of the benefits of being patient?
In what areas of your life do you need patience in?
How have you seen God be patient with you?

What are the benefits of letting God judge?
What have you found to be results of grumbling with people?
How can you stop arguing with people?
What social injustices are there in the world today?
How can you help with these social injustices in the world?

James 1:2-4

2 Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, 3 for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. 4 And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.

Prayer Ideas:

Ask God for patience

Ask God to give you the boldness to share the love of Jesus with others Ask God to help those people gaining through social injustices in the world

Thank God for His mercy and kindness toward man

Prayer Requests from your community group
Give thanks to God for answering your prayers