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Message Topic: **Endurance in the Christian Life**
Scripture Text: James 5: 7-9

1. Christians are expected to go through trials and tribulations in this earthly life. Jesus has already told us in the Gospel that in this world we shall have tribulations but He encouraged us to be of good cheer as He is always with us.
2. There will be times of prosperity as well as times of adversity in our lives. It is important that we have the right biblical response even in the times of adversity.
3. Let us know that it is God's Hands of providence and purpose when He sends trials for us to go through. We must respond as taught in James 5:7 to be patient.
4. To be patience means to suffer long. Hence we must show longsuffering to others even when we are ill-treated. We must show forgiveness to others who may have hurt us.
5. Our patience must also be seen in believing the promises of God. The Bible tells us in Heb 6:12 that we must through faith and patience inherit the promise.
6. Let us wait for the return of the Lord Jesus with patience. There is an end to all our trials and sufferings. God will ultimately be our Judge.