

Sunday, May 24 At Home Church

A time to be thankful – in the midst of a bizarre time, let's not forget to be thankful. Take a few minutes to share what you're thankful for right now.

What is one takeaway from Pastor Dave's message today?

A few background questions to help us in our understanding of James.

- Who wrote James? (James)
- Who did he write it to? (The church – all believers, the new Israel)

Read James 5 and as you read it, think of one word that sticks out to you.

What word stuck out to you as you read James 5?

Now let's dive a little deeper into our chapter. I will share a few things and questions that stuck out to me from James 5 but please don't get stuck on just these questions. If other thoughts and questions stick out to you, discuss those as well. The goal is simply for us to learn from God's Word this morning and grow together, even while apart.

- Vs 1-6 is a warning about using money simply for selfish gains – living a life of luxury while the needy suffer. Using money in purely selfish ways violates God's law of love. Take a look at these few verses. What do they tell us about money and how we honor God using it?
 - 1 Timothy 6:6-10, 17-19
 - Proverbs 11:25
 - Proverbs 19:17
- Vs 7-12 talks of perseverance and suffering.
 - When was a time you had to show perseverance and what was your reward for persevering?
 - Vs 8 – how should the knowledge that the Lord is coming back help us to be patient and stand firm?

- Vs 9 – James reminds us again of the importance of how we treat each other and commands us to not grumble against each other. (Do you think God cares an awful lot about how we treat others? 😊) A certainly relevant command for us to obey during this time. What kinds of things do we normally grumble about others?
- A couple questions then about those things – Can we control it? Is it that important? Does Jesus still call me to love that person? Etc.

- Vs. 13-20 talks about prayer. How have you seen the power of prayer in your life? Consider also thinking about how you saw the power in prayer even in a situation that didn't turn out how you wanted or what you had prayed for.
 - One aspect of prayer I think we tend to pass over is confession. Why is confessing our sins, not only to God but others such a vital aspect of this relational communication we call prayer?
 - What are some things that can be hindrances to your prayer life?

- What other things, verses, words are you thinking about from James 5 other than what has already been discussed?

- Close your time in prayer

- CHALLENGE: Text or call at least 2 people (go for as many you want) this afternoon sometime and share with them one thing that you learned from James 5 today. If you have social media, consider putting what you learned on there, as well.

“The Waiting Game”

James 5:7-11, NIV84¹

Scripture Reading:

“Be patient, then, brothers, until the Lord’s coming. See how the farmer waits for the land to yield its valuable crop and how patient he is for the autumn and spring rains. ⁸ You too, be patient and stand firm, because the Lord’s coming is near. ⁹ Don’t grumble against each other, brothers, or you will be judged. The Judge is standing at the door!

¹⁰ Brothers, as an example of patience in the face of suffering, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. ¹¹ As you know, we consider blessed those who have persevered. You have heard of Job’s perseverance and have seen what the Lord finally brought about. The Lord is full of compassion and mercy.” James 5:7-11

THE LESSON OF THE SURVIVOR TREE:

*Patient Persistence Can Turn Our _____
Into _____!*

TWO BIBLE LESSONS ABOUT PATIENCE:

1. When Should I Be Patient?

A. When _____ Are Beyond Your Control.

- ◆ *“Be patient, then, brothers, until the Lord’s coming. See how **the farmer** waits for the land to yield its valuable crop and how patient he is...” (James 5:7a)*

B. When _____ Are Unwilling To Change.

- ◆ *“Brothers, as an example of patience in the face of suffering, take **the prophets** who spoke in the name of the Lord.” (James 5:10)*

C. When _____ Cannot Be Explained.

- ◆ *“You have heard of **Job’s perseverance**...” (James 5:11b)*

2. Why Should I Be Patient?

A. Because God Is...

- ◆ *“You too, be patient & stand firm, because the Lord’s coming is near.” (Jam. 5:8)*

B. Because It Pays To...

- ◆ *“As you know, we consider blessed those who have persevered.” (Jam. 5:11a)*
- ◆ *“You have heard of Job’s perseverance and have seen what the Lord finally brought about. The Lord is full of compassion and mercy.” (Jam. 5:11b)*

¹ TRANSLATIONS USED: All translations used are from the NIV84 (New International Version, 1984 Edition) unless otherwise marked.

Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus, just to take Him at His word,
Just to rest upon His promise, just to know "Thus saith the Lord."

Chorus:

Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him! How I've proved Him o'er and o'er!
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! O for grace to trust Him more!

O how sweet to trust in Jesus, Just to trust His cleansing blood,
Just in simple faith to plunge me 'neath the healing, cleansing flood!
(Chorus)

Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus, just from sin and self to cease,
Just from Jesus simply taking life and rest and joy and peace.
(Chorus)

I'm so glad I learned to trust Him, precious Jesus, Savior, Friend;
And I know that He is with me, will be with me to the end.
(Chorus)

This Is Amazing Grace

Who breaks the power of sin and darkness?
Whose love is mighty and so much stronger?
The King of glory, the King above all Kings

Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder?
Leaves us breathless in awe and wonder?
The King of glory, the King above all Kings

Chorus

*This is amazing grace
This is unfailing love
That You would take my place
That You would bear my cross
You laid down Your life
That I would be set free
Jesus I sing for all that You've done for me*

Who brings our chaos back into order?
Who makes the orphan a son and daughter?
The King of glory, the King of glory

Who rules the nations with truth and justice,
Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance?
The king of glory, the King above all Kings
(repeat chorus)

Worthy is the lamb who was slain
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave
(repeat chorus)

Good, Good Father

I've heard a thousand stories of what they think You're like
But I've heard the tender whisper of love in the dead of night
You tell me that you're pleased and that I'm never alone

You're a good, good Father
It's who You are, it's who You are, it's who You are
And I'm loved by You
It's who I am, it's who I am, it's who I am

I've seen many searching for answers far and wide
But I know we're all searching for answers only You provide
Because You know just what we need before we say a word

You're a good, good Father
It's who You are, it's who You are, it's who You are
And I'm loved by you
It's who I am, it's who I am, it's who I am

You are perfect in all of Your ways
You are perfect in all of Your ways
You are perfect in all of Your ways to us

Love so undeniable I can hardly speak
Peace so un-explainable I can hardly think
As you call me deeper still
As you call me deeper still
As you call me deeper still
Into love, love, love.

You're a good, good Father
It's who You are, it's who You are, it's who You are
And I'm loved by You
It's who I am, it's who I am, it's who I am

You're a good, good Father
It's who You are, it's who You are, it's who You are
And I'm loved by You
It's who I am, it's who I am, it's who I am

Enough

Verse 1

You are my supply, my breath of life;
Still more awesome than I know.
You are my reward, worth living for;
Still more awesome than I know.

Chorus

*And all of You is more than enough for all of me,
For every thirst and every need,
You satisfy me with Your love,
And all I have in You is more than enough.*

Verse 2

You're my sacrifice of greatest price;
Still more awesome than I know.
You're my coming King, You are everything;
Still more awesome than I know.

Repeat Chorus

Bridge

More than all I want, more than all I need,
You are more than enough for me.
More than all I know, more than all I can see,
You are more than enough.

Repeat Chorus

All I have in You is more than enough.
All I have in You is more than enough.

Standing on the Promises

Standing on the promises of Christ my King,
Thru eternal ages let His praises ring!
Glory in the highest I will shout and sing
Standing on the promises of God.

Chorus

*Standing, standing, Standing on the promises of God my Savior;
Standing, standing, I'm standing on the promises of God*

Standing on the promises that cannot fail
When the howling storms of doubt and fear assail,
By the living word of God I shall prevail
Standing on the promises of God.

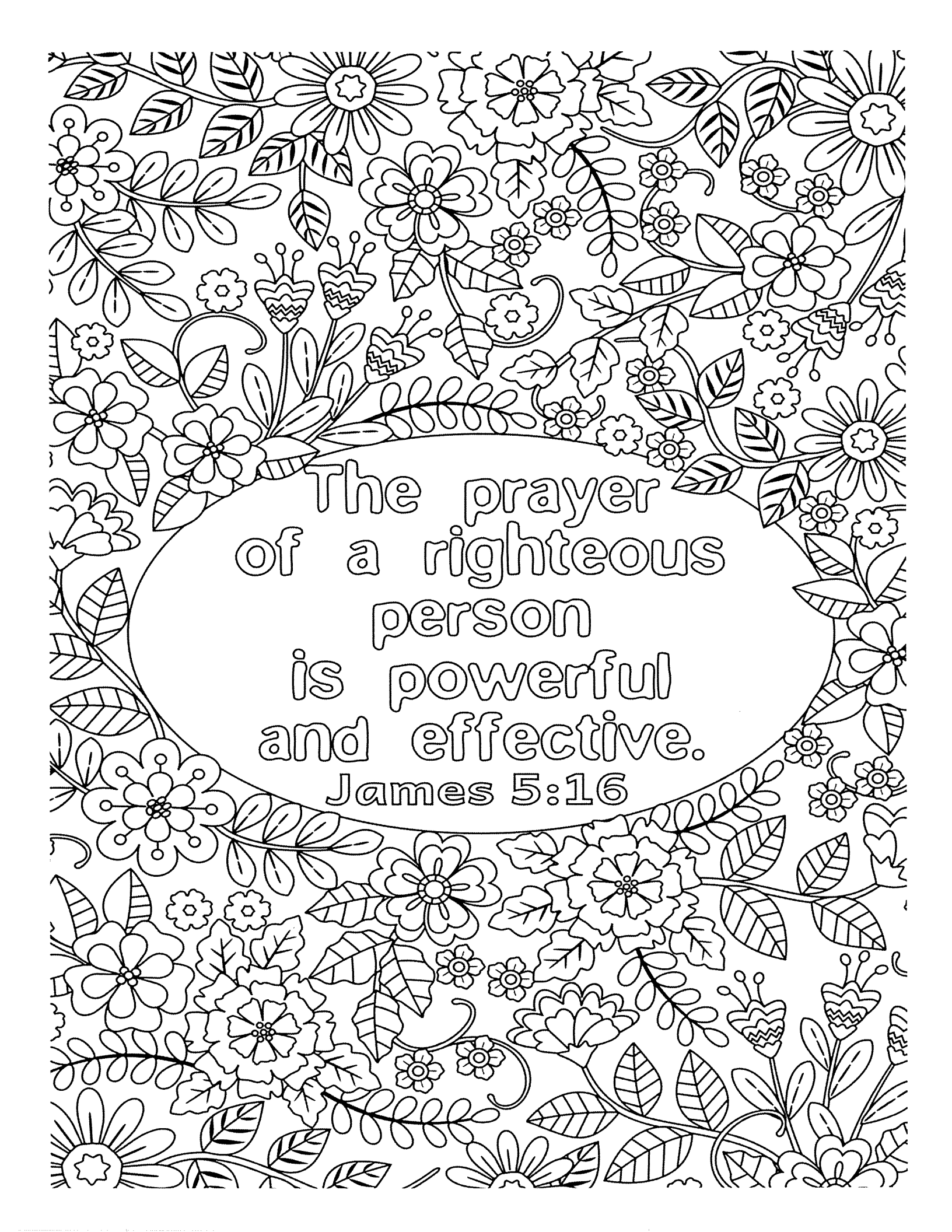
(repeat chorus)

Standing on the promises of Christ the Lord,
Bound to Him eternally by love's strong cord,
Overcoming daily with the Spirit's sword
Standing on the promises of God.

(repeat chorus)

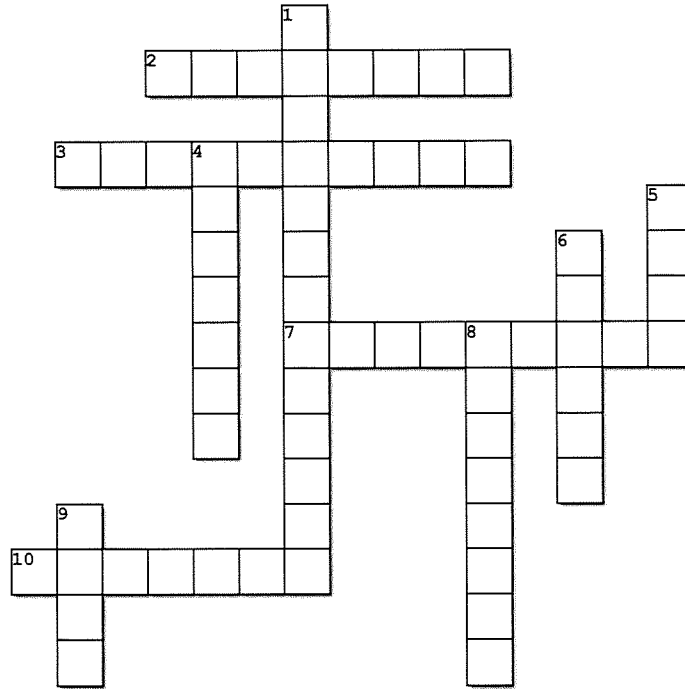
Standing on the promises I cannot fall,
Listening every moment to the Spirit's call,
Resting in my Savior as my all in all
Standing on the promises of God.

(repeat chorus)



The prayer
of a righteous
person
is powerful
and effective.
James 5:16

Complete the crossword puzzle below



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Across

2. the prayer of a righteous person is _____ and effective
3. The Lord is full of _____ and mercy
7. the prayer of a righteous person is powerful and _____
10. what we are not supposed to do against each other

Down

1. Job had a lot of this quality
4. we are told to be _____ until the Lord's coming
5. the chapter we are studying today
6. who is the man mentioned who was just like us
8. Your gold and silver are _____
9. what should we do if we are in trouble