

## SERMON NOTES

### “Hitched To Hope” | Pastor Matthew Ruttan

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This sermon is Part 8 of a teaching series on the book of James called “Down-To-Earth.” Today we explore James 5:1-12. Make sure to have your Bible with you. Don’t be afraid to take notes of insights you have about the text.

1. “Perseverance is hitched to hope.” In your own words, what does that mean?
2. Verse 7 says, “Be patient, then, brothers and sisters, until the Lord’s coming.” What is patience?
3. Verse 8: “You too, be patient and \_\_\_\_\_, because the Lord’s coming is near.”
4. Looking at verse 7 and 8, why are we supposed to be patient?
5. How can we “stand firm”?
6. If you want to persevere, why is grumbling against one another unhelpful?
7. Who is an example in your own life of a godly person who has persevered through hardship?
8. Pastor Ruttan zeroed-in on five key take-a-ways from today’s text: First, be patient. Second, be patient because suffering won’t last (Christ is coming). Third, stand firm. Fourth, don’t grumble against one another; but build each other up. Fifth, look to the example of others who have persevered. Which one do you think you need to pay more attention to in your own situation?