

**Victory Connect Lesson**  
**"Human Just Like Us"**  
**Pastor Paul Daugherty**  
**May 5, 2024**

**Key Passage: James 5:1-20**

**Introduction:** Elijah did extraordinary things, yet he was a human just like you and I. God calls ordinary people and does extraordinary things through them.

**Lessons from (James) a human just like us:**

**1. It's ok to have riches, but don't let riches have you.**

1Ti 6:10 KJV - 10 For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred...

**2. Greed and arrogance will destroy your life.** Jas 5:5 NIV - 5 You have lived on earth in luxury and self-indulgence. You have fattened yourselves in the day of slaughter.

**3. Learn the art of patience and playing the long game.**

Jas 5:7 KJV - 7 Be patient therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord. Behold, the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it, until he receive the early and latter rain.

**4. Establish your heart in Christ.**

Jas 5:8 NKJV - 8 You also be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand.

**5. Remember Job, persevere and trust God.**

Jas 5:11 ESV - 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.

**6. Be a person of your word.**

Jas 5:12 ESV - 12 But above all, my brothers, do not swear...but let your "yes" be yes and your "no" be no, so that you may not fall under condemnation.

**7. Pray, worship and ask for prayer from the church.**

Jas 5:13-14 ESV - 13 Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praise. 14 Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord.

**Discussion Questions:**

1. What does it mean to establish your heart in Christ?
2. Share a time you saw the reward of patience?
3. Do you desire prayer from the church at this time?

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