

BE A BRINGER

"40 One of the two who heard John speak, and followed Him, was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. 41 He first found his own brother Simon, and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' (which is translated, the Christ). 42 And he brought him to Jesus" John 1:40-42a

A bringer makes one touch each week by investing and inviting someone to Christ and church.

Name three people you will pray for their salvation this week:

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR THE WEEK

"Moreover, as for me, far be it from me that I should sin against the LORD in ceasing to pray for you;...." I Samuel 12:23a



MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK

Steve Able | Fellowship of Christian Athletes



PRAISE

- Praise God for Heather's Freedom Learning Center. Thank God for its continued growth, including a class with a waiting list, tutoring opportunities, and homeschool evaluations.
- Praise God for a meaningful church camp experience. Praise God for Caleb and India's continued connection with friends through Bible study, worship, and fellowship.
- Praise God for Micah's 21st birthday celebration and for the continued growth of the church youth group as its leadership holds its first board meeting.

PRAY

- Pray for Steve's family as they have lost many family members recently. Pray the family of his Uncle Joe, Grandmother Able, and the father of one of his high school friends, Ron Crouch.
- Pray for wisdom and direction for Caleb, Steve's son, during his senior year as he considers his plans after high school.
- Pray for the flag football ministry. Specifically, safety for the players, wisdom in coaching and officiating, and for dependable new referees as several current refs prepare to graduate.



Handout: 10/18/26

Study Date: 10/25/26

Patience: Trusting God While You Wait

In the Book of James, we find a practical guide to Christian living and spiritual growth. James emphasizes the importance of faith in action and the development of a mature faith that stands strong in the face of trials. James 1:4 is nestled within a passage that delves into the topic of trials and the testing of one's faith, urging believers to consider it pure joy when encountering various challenges.

Following the exhortation to find joy in trials in James 1:2-3, verse 4 directs our attention to the purpose behind enduring these trials. It calls for perseverance to be given the space to complete its work in us, highlighting the transformative power of steadfastness in the midst of difficulties. This notion aligns with the broader biblical theme that suffering and trials can produce perseverance, character, and hope, as seen in Romans 5:3-4.

In today's world, trials come in various forms – personal struggles, societal pressures, and global crises. By enduring these challenges with faith and perseverance, individuals can experience personal growth and a deepening of their relationship with God. Just as in biblical times, facing trials can lead to a strengthening of faith and character, ultimately contributing to spiritual maturity and a sense of completeness.

Reflecting on stories of individuals who have weathered significant trials and emerged stronger in faith can serve as a powerful reminder of the transformative potential of perseverance. These narratives illustrate how enduring hardships can lead to spiritual growth, maturity, and a profound sense of completeness in Christ. As we navigate our own trials, may we embrace them as opportunities for growth, trusting in God's purpose for our lives and allowing perseverance to shape us into mature and complete followers of Christ.

Resource: [Godsblessing](https://www.godsblessing.com/)

KEY VERSE

James 1:4 (NKJV)

“But let patience have it’s perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing.”

Read James 1:1-8 Every Day

Read Galatians 5:22-23

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday: James 1:1, 4; Acts 7:59-8:2; Psalm 27:14

Hope While You Wait

1. What is James 1:4 calling us to in the statement; *“let patience have it’s perfect work.”* How must we demonstrate this in our day to day life?
2. How has Stephen “set the bar” for us as followers of Christ? How does his faith and obedience to Christ compare to your own? (Acts 7:59-60)

Tuesday: James 1:2; Psalm 118:24; I Peter 1:6

Rejoice While You Wait

3. How can we be called to *“count it all joy”* when we are in the midst of difficult times? Do our struggles serve a purpose? (James 1:2)
4. *“This is the day the Lord has made; We will rejoice and be glad in it.”* Psalm 118:24 conveys a clear message. Do YOU *live it* on a daily basis?

Wednesday: James 1:3; Deuteronomy 8:2; I Peter 1:7; Job 23:8-10

Believe While You Wait

5. Deuteronomy 8:2 reflects on the 40 years spent in the wilderness where God tested the *faith* of His people. How can we use this verse to strengthen ours?
6. Why is our faith said to be *“much more precious than gold?”* Ultimately, *Who* has put such a *high value* on our faith and why? (I Peter 1:7)

Thursday: James 1:4; Romans 12:12; I Peter 5:10

Endure While You Wait

7. According to James 1:4, how can we be made *“perfect and complete, lacking nothing?”*
8. Romans 12:12 says that we are to be *“rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation.”* How can we achieve this according to the rest of the verse?
9. What can we learn from I Peter 5:10 about our God? For what purpose does He allow us to suffer?

Friday: James 1:5-8; Romans 12:12; Colossians 1:11

Pray While You Wait

10. How often do we sit and search for solutions to our problems without finding a resolution? *Who* do we need to call and how? (James 1:5-6)
11. There are all *kinds* of strength and might demonstrated in this world. What *kind* of strength has God equipped us with? (Colossians 1:11)
12. Romans 12:12 says that we must be *“patient in tribulation, continuing steadfastly in prayer.”* Are YOU *praying* as this verse commands us to?