

# JAMES

LEARNING AND LIVING A FAITH THAT WORKS

Week 11

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The main theme for our series is  
James 1:4b ESV

That you may be perfect (mature) and  
complete, lacking in nothing.



# Patient Endurance

## James 5:7-12 NLT

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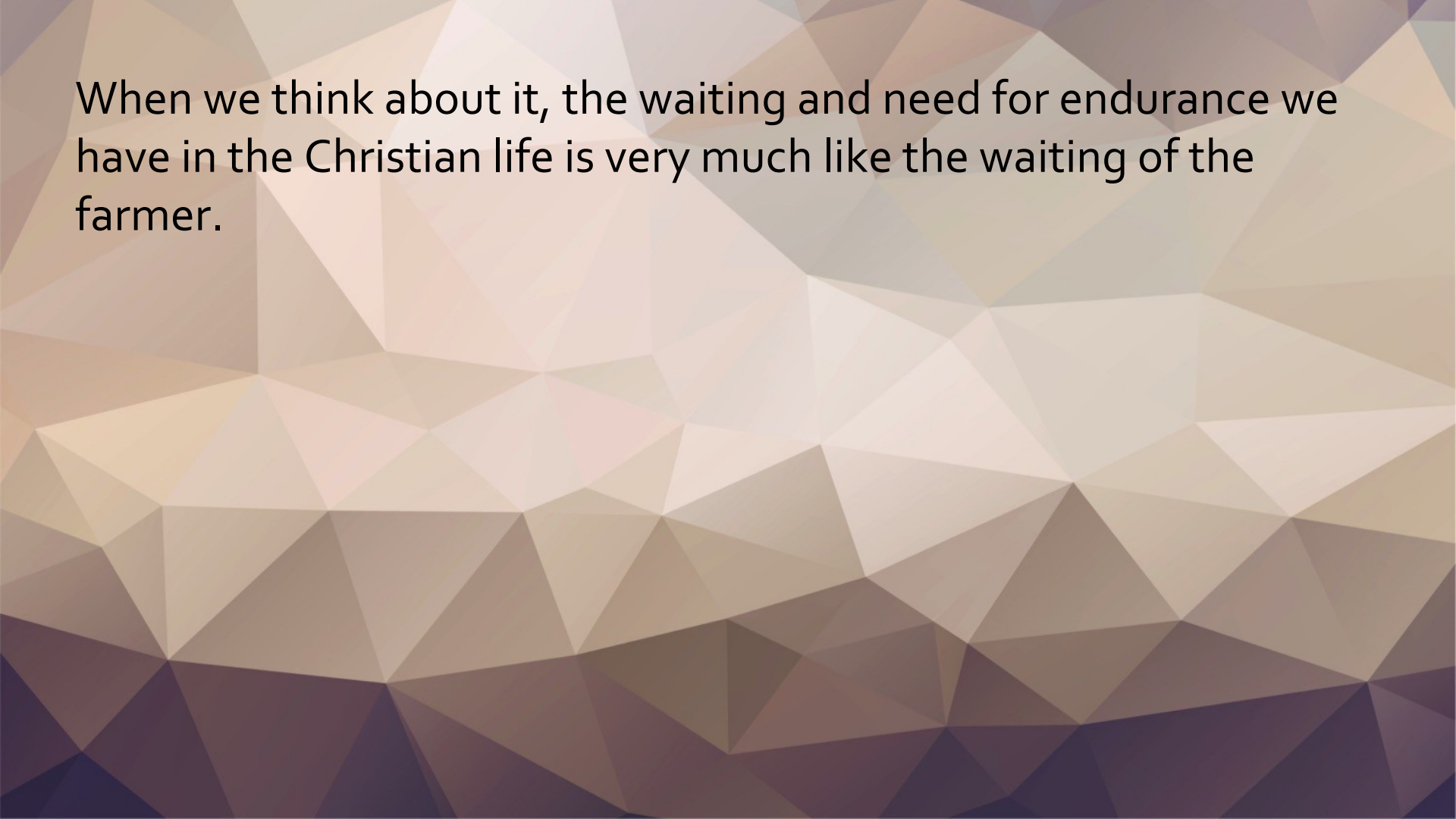
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Philippians 2:14-15 ESV

<sup>14</sup> Do all things without grumbling or disputing, <sup>15</sup> that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world.

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- He was lowered into a **cistern** and left to starve to death.  
(Jeremiah 38:6)

Why is Job a significant example for the enduring Christian?

Job 1:20-22 NLT

<sup>20</sup> Job stood up and tore his robe in grief. Then he shaved his head and fell to the ground to worship. <sup>21</sup> He said,

“I came naked from my mother’s womb,  
and I will be naked when I leave.

The Lord gave me what I had,  
and the Lord has taken it away.

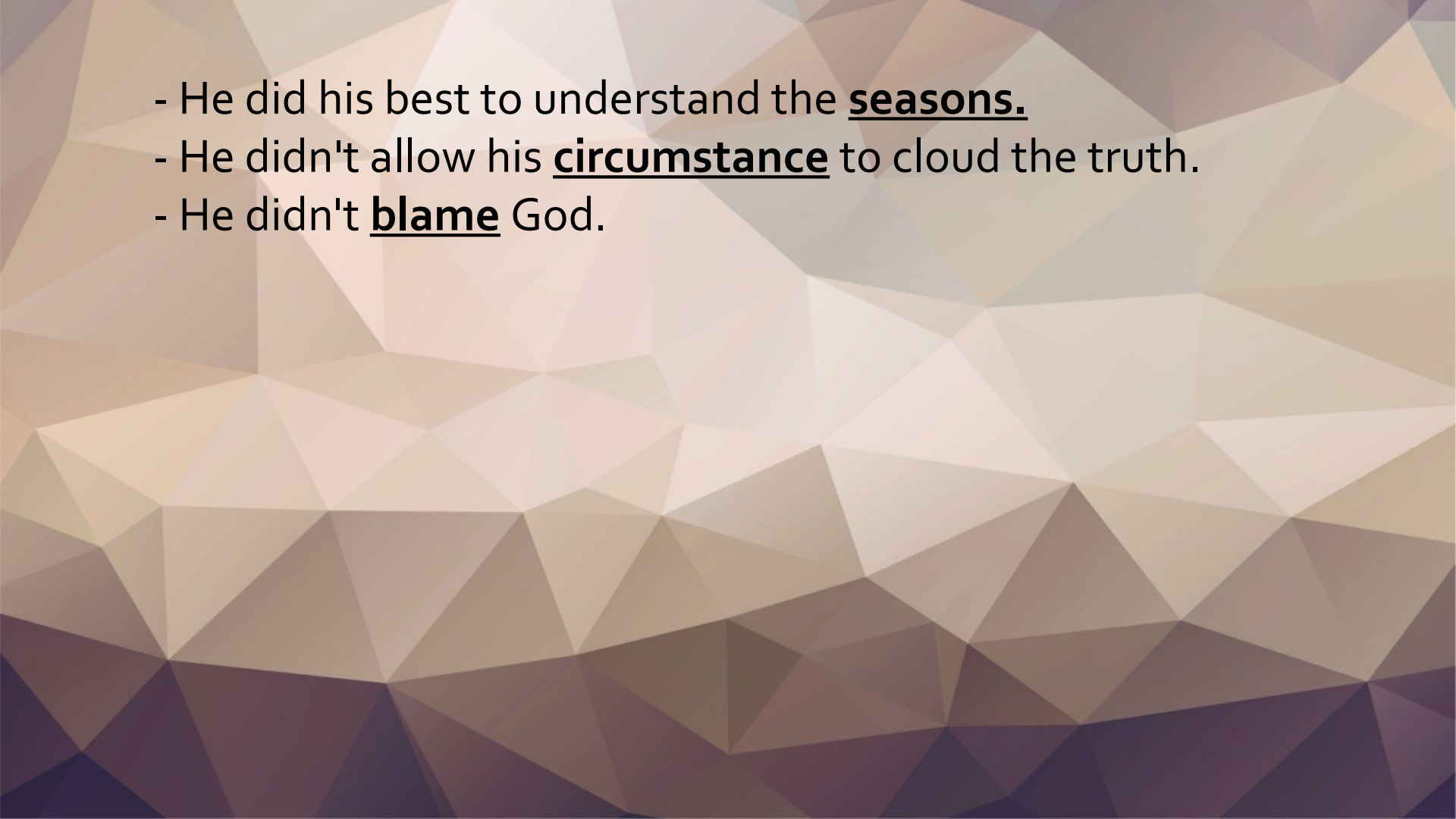
Praise the name of the Lord!”

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- He endured the test and had more understanding, character, humbleness, and blessings at the end of the book than in the beginning of it.

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Matthew 5:34-37 NLT

34 But I say, do not make any vows! Do not say, 'By heaven!' because heaven is God's throne. 35 And do not say, 'By the earth!' because the earth is his footstool. And do not say, 'By Jerusalem!' for Jerusalem is the city of the great King. 36 Do not even say, 'By my head!' for you can't turn one hair white or black. 37 Just say a simple, 'Yes, I will,' or 'No, I won't.' Anything beyond this is from the evil one.

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Proverbs 11:20 NLT

The Lord detests people with crooked hearts,  
but he delights in those with integrity.

