

Be patient like the prophets.

As an example of suffering and patience, brothers, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. Behold, we consider those blessed who remained steadfast... James 5:10–11 (ESV)

Be patient like Job.

You have heard of the steadfastness of Job, and you have seen the purpose of the Lord,... James 5:11 (ESV)

The Lord gave, and the Lord has taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord.” Job 1:21 (ESV)

Though he slay me, I will hope in him... Job 13:15 (ESV)

Trust in God’s compassion and mercy.

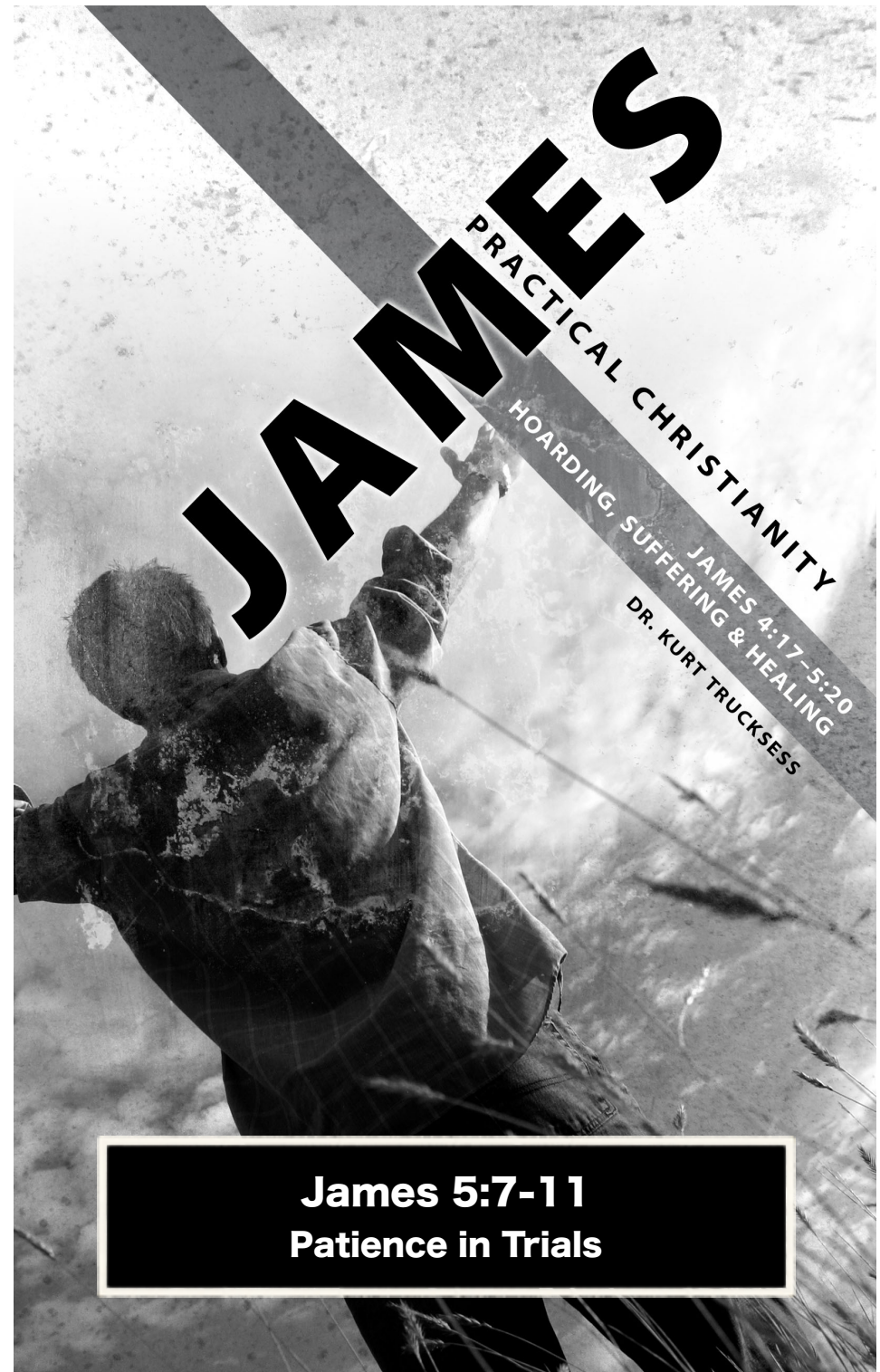
The Lord is compassionate and merciful. James 5:11 (ESV)

Compassionate - “many bowelled”

God’s purposes are always greater than the trials he allows.

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James 5:7-11 - Patience in Trials



James 5:7-8, 10-11

Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing. James 1:2-4 (ESV)

How do I handle a long trial?

Be patient because Jesus is coming soon.

Be patient, therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord... for the coming of the Lord is at hand... James 5:7-9 (ESV)

and said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven." Acts 1:11 (ESV)

For as the lightning comes from the east and shines as far as the west, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. Matthew 24:27 (ESV)

Then will appear in heaven the sign of the Son of Man, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. And he will send out his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other. Matthew 24:30-31 (ESV)

But do not overlook this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed. 2 Peter 3:8-10 (ESV)

Parousia -

Be patient like a farmer.

...See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient about it, until it receives the early and the late rains. You also, be patient... James 5:7-8 (ESV)

And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. Galatians 6:9 (ESV)