



James 5:1-20

Sunday, January 3, 2021

Alta Vista Baptist Church



“Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results.”—James 5:16

☐ This week’s Life Hack: Vacuuming!



Seven Ways Faith Perseveres

1) Humbleness in midst of God’s Sovereignty (4:13-16)

- “DEO VOLENTE”
 - There is nothing outside of God’s will

2) Obedience to God’s Will (4:17)

- Faith that lasts is obedient to God’s will
 - Matthew 25:31-46

3) Confident in God’s Justice (5:1-6)

- Wealth, Cheating, Self-Indulgence, Oppression
 - Luke 12:13-21

4) Patient in Suffering (5:7-11)

- Like a Farmer (vs. 7-9)
- Like a Prophet (vs. 10-11a)
- Like Job (vs. 11b)

5) Trustworthy in Speech (5:12)

- Matthew 5:33-37

6) Prayerful in Sorrow (5:13-18)

- Pray when you are hurting and happy! (vs. 13)
- Pray for one another (vs. 14-15)
- Pray with one another (vs. 16-18)

7) Loving Towards Sinners (5:19-20)

- Look out for one another
- The truth of Eternal Security
- Eternal Security is accomplished through community



Faith that Works is...

- #1 only possible through the gospel of Jesus
- #2 played out in the body of Christ (Church)
- #3 always leading to God’s glory



DIGGING DEEPER

(For use in personal/family devotions or with your care group)

Q1: Has there ever been a time where you could relate to the farmer in Luke 12:13-21?

Q2: Share about a time God asked you to be patient? Was it hard? Why?

Q3: Read Matthew 5:33-37. Why is it important to let “your yes be yes?”

Q4: Share about a time when you were hurting or happy and God answered your prayer.

Q5: Is there someone in your life that is wandering from their faith? How will you help bring them back?

Q6: Read the following scripture; John 10:28-29, Romans 5:1-2 & 8:31-39, Hebrews 13:5-8. How do these verses encourage your eternal security?

Q7: Reflect on the year 2020. How have you seen the Lord change you?

Q8: Spend some time praying with and for one another for the New Year.