



LIVE IT!  
GROUP GUIDE

**WEEK 12**

# Faith Under Pressure

## Patience Under Pressure

Live It Guides are not just a “study” we do to fill our heads with information about God. Possessing information doesn’t make us disciples. It’s what we do with it that counts! This looks like **listening, believing and living**. The purpose of this guide is to: (1) foster learning & listening with one another around God’s Word, (2) allow God’s Word to shape what we are believing and (3) encourage one another to live it out in the context of our daily lives. If you find your group not asking “believing” and “living” questions, please adjust your time to allow for this vital part of discipleship.

## Listening to God’s Word...

**Read James 5:7-12 three times with your group.**

How would you describe the connection between the disciple of Jesus being patient until the return of Jesus and the farmer being patient for the late rain?

Why do you suppose James says to consider the Old Testament prophets and Job as examples of patience through difficulty? What do you think it was that caused their hearts to be “established?”

## Believing What It Says...

*As we hear God speak through His Word, we must take what we are learning and consider how we see ourselves actually living our lives. Many times, we may say we believe something but in fact find that a different belief is influencing our actions. This provides an opportunity to repent and believe the Gospel.*

**Do you believe that patience (even in our sufferings) will be worth enduring when Jesus does in fact return? Why or why not?**

**Is there a situation facing you right now that challenges this belief?**

**Do you believe there are areas of your life where you tend to be less patient? What are they?**

**Considering those areas, do you believe that having your heart established on the promise of Jesus’ return would improve your patience? Why or why not?**

## Living it out...

*Let’s put what we are hearing from God’s Word into practice...this week! We long to be a people who live an active faith, not only hearing from God, but also responding in obedience to Him!*

**What are you going to do to have your heart more established on the promise of Jesus’ return so that you can be more patient with others and in your circumstances? Who would you really like to notice the difference? Why?**

**Is it possible to confuse being patient with being lazy? How would you describe the difference between patience and laziness? Is there something that needs to change in your everyday life to be patient yet proactive in the mission of making disciples?**

## Notes...

*Record what you hear God saying through His Word and some tangible ways you are desiring to live it out in the next week...*