



**JAMES**



# Faith That Waits Well

JAMES 5:7-12



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## James 5:3<sup>b</sup>-6 *net*

It is in the last days that you have hoarded treasure! <sup>4</sup> Look, the pay you have held back from the workers who mowed your fields cries out against you, and the cries of the reapers have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. <sup>5</sup> You have lived indulgently and luxuriously on the earth. You have fattened your hearts in a day of slaughter. <sup>6</sup> You have condemned and murdered the righteous person, although he does not resist you.



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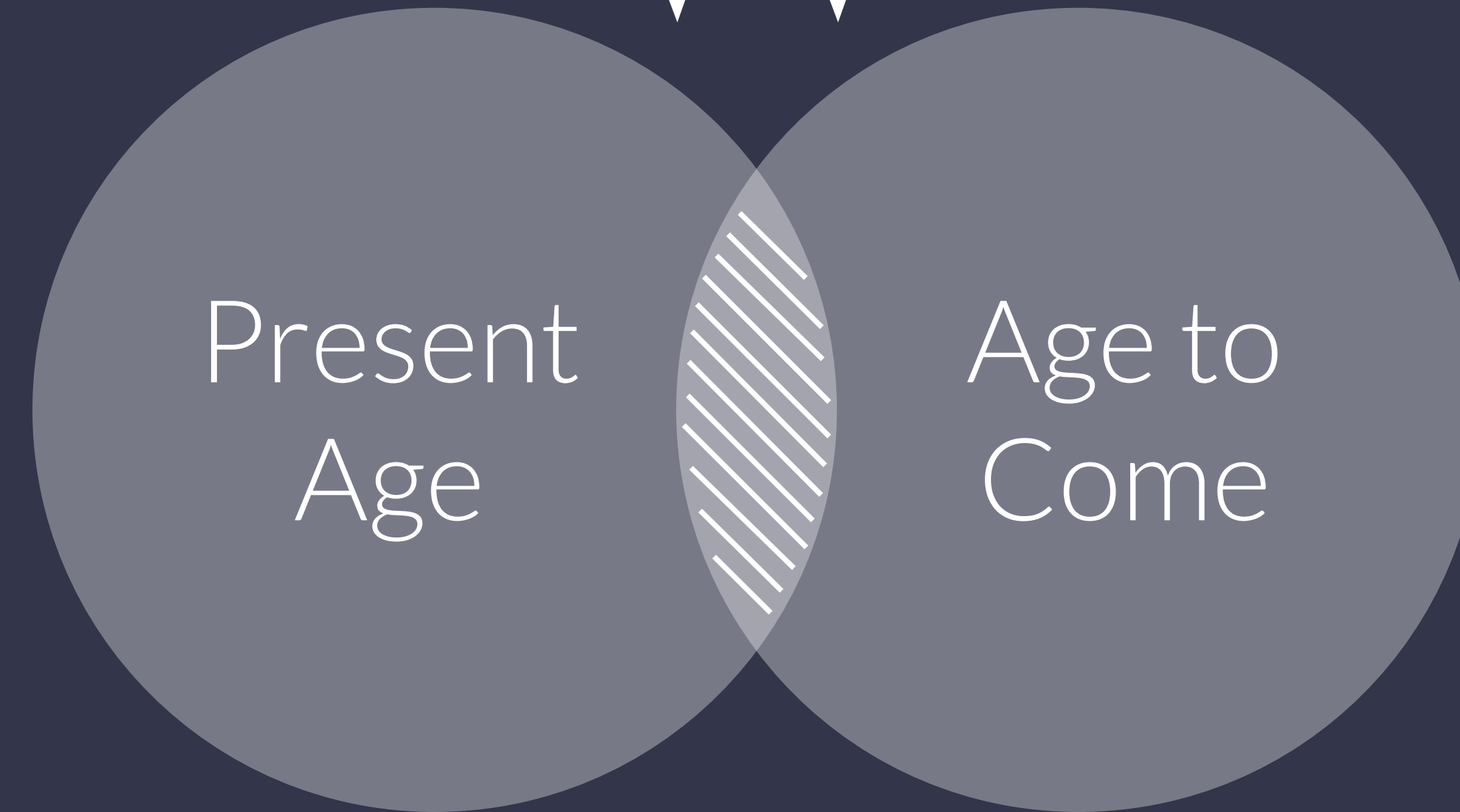
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Turning on Each Other

**James 5:9 *net***

Do not grumble against one another, brothers and sisters, so that you may not be judged. See, the judge stands before the gates!





Look to Examples of  
**Faithful Waiting**

**James 5:10-11 *net***

As an example of suffering and patience, brothers and sisters, take the prophets who spoke in the Lord's name. <sup>11</sup> Think of how we regard as blessed those who have endured. You have heard of Job's endurance and you have seen the Lord's purpose, that the Lord is full of compassion and mercy.





# Wait Without

Making Hasty Promises

## James 5:12 *net*

And above all, my brothers and sisters, do not swear, either by heaven or by earth or by any other oath. But let your “Yes” be yes and your “No” be no, so that you may not fall into judgment.





## **Four** Commands

Wait patiently

Don't turn on each other

Look to good examples

Don't make hasty promises





## **Four** Justifications

“The Lord’s return is near”

“The judge stands before the gate”

“The Lord is full of compassion and mercy”

“So that you won’t fall into judgment”





**JAMES 1:2-4** *net*

My brothers and sisters, consider it nothing but joy when you fall into all sorts of trials, <sup>3</sup> because you know that the testing of your faith produces endurance. <sup>4</sup> And let endurance have its perfect effect, so that you will be perfect and complete, not deficient in anything.





## REVELATION 21:1-2 *net*

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and earth had ceased to exist, and the sea existed no more.<sup>2</sup> And I saw the holy city—the new Jerusalem—descending out of heaven from God, made ready like a bride adorned for her husband.





## REVELATION 21:3-4 *net*

And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying: “Look! The residence of God is among human beings. He will live among them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them.<sup>4</sup> He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death will not exist any more—or mourning, or crying, or pain, for the former things have ceased to exist.”





**MATTHEW 24:45-47** *net*

“Who then is the faithful and wise slave, whom the master has put in charge of his household, to give the other slaves their food at the proper time? <sup>46</sup> Blessed is that slave whom the master finds at work when he comes. <sup>47</sup> I tell you the truth, the master will put him in charge of all his possessions.”



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The faithful promise of the Lord's return  
**enables** faithful lives of patient waiting.

