**Today: Following Jesus in Tough Times**

**Text: James 5:7-12**

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**Alarm about alarming situations is normal.**

1. **Persevere and Wait on the Lord.**

*7Be patient, then, brothers and sisters, until the Lord’s coming. See how the farmer waits for the land to yield its valuable crop, patiently waiting for the autumn and spring rains.*

***Video Richard has of medical personnel praying***

1. **Stand Firm in the Lord.**

*8You too, be patient and stand firm, because the Lord’s coming is near.*

1. **Beware of grumbling.**

*9Don’t grumble against one another, brothers and sisters, or you will be judged. The Judge is standing at the door!*

**Kid’s note about homeschooling** [**https://www.foxnews.com/lifestyle/boy-journal-moms-attempt-homeschooling-coronavirus-not-going-good**](https://www.foxnews.com/lifestyle/boy-journal-moms-attempt-homeschooling-coronavirus-not-going-good)

1. **Remember the Lord’s Nature.**

*10Brothers and sisters, as an example of patience in the face of suffering, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. 11As you know, we count as blessed those who have persevered. You have heard of Job’s perseverance and have seen what the Lord finally brought about. The Lord is full of compassion and mercy.*

**Photo of Jim Stockdale from last week**

“*This is what I learned from those years in the prison camp. This is a very important lesson. You must never confuse faith that you will prevail in the end – which you can never afford to lose – with the discipline to confront the most brutal facts of your current reality, whatever they might be.”*

*“At the same time, I never lost faith in the end of the story. never doubted not only that I would get out, but also that I would prevail in the end and turn the experience into the defining event of my life.”*

**IMAGE OF SIR WALTER RALEIGH**

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