Transformation: Patience and Growth James 5:7-11

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- 1. Healthy transformation requires patience because healthy growth is an <u>ONGOING PROCESS</u>. (v.7-8)
 - a. 2 times James reminds us to be PATIENT.
 - b. Reminders from the farming illustration:
 - i. GOD GIVES the growth.
 - ii. He still requires the FARMER TO WORK.
 - c. Establish your hearts: a call to commit to being <u>THE</u> <u>CHURCH</u> He wants you to be.
 - d. The cost of a WRONG PACE.
- 2. Healthy transformation can be <u>DISRUPTED</u> by grumbling. (v.9)
 - a. Biblical examples of the dangers of complaining:
 - b. Grumbling is CONTAGIOUS and HABIT FORMING.
- 3. Healthy transformation will be **HARD** but worth it.(v.10-11)
 - a. The prophets exhibited steadfastness, patience, and GRACE UNDER PRESSURE.
 - i. Examples
 - b. Enduring hardship requires **INTENTIONALITY**.
- 4. Guidelines for Healthy Transformation:
 - a. Be BIBLICAL.
 - b. Be PRAYERFUL.
 - c. Be HUMBLE.
 - d. Be EXCITED.
 - e. Be INVOLVED.
 - f. Be TOGETHER.

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