

# Responding to JAMES 5

“For **EXAMPLES** of patience in suffering, dear brothers and sisters, look at the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.” –James 5:10

*The word “examples” is derived from the verb “to show,” which represents a pattern or model intended for **IMITATION**.*

| <u>Job</u>   | <u>Elijah</u>                                      |
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| A Model of Patience in Suffering<br><i>The Book of Job</i> | A Model of Powerful Prayer<br><i>1 Kings 17–18</i> |



## HOW CAN WE IMITATE THESE OLD TESTAMENT MEN IN OUR PRAYER?

### Be AWARE

God is sovereign over all things and present in our darkest moments. Although we are limited humans, God grants the power of prayer to all believers.

### Be REAL

Lament is a form of worship—we can be honest with God about our pain. We can also cultivate a faith that is deeply rooted in God’s ability to intervene on our behalf.

### Be KINGDOM-MINDED

Pray in alignment with God’s will. We should view both our suffering and our requests within the framework of God’s greater purposes in the world and beyond.

### Be READY

Even in the reality of a broken world, we can develop a hope anchored in God’s compassion and be expectant that he hears the prayers of his children.

# APPLICATION

Take some time to reflect on an area of your life where you are experiencing suffering or asking God to move. Write a prayer using the model below.

Express **AWARENESS** of God's sovereignty and his willingness to hear your prayer.

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Be **REAL**—honestly share what you are experiencing and tell God you believe he can act on your behalf.

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Pray that you would be **KINGDOM-MINDED**, and ask God to accomplish his purpose in your life.

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Ask God to make your heart **READY** to receive what he has for you, confident that he will move in compassion.

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*The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results.*

**James 5:16b**