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# “SHOW AND TELL”

## WEEK 9

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### “SHOW AND TELL” SERIES OVERVIEW:

This series is a study through the book of James. Written by Jesus' half brother, the book of James shares sage wisdom for all the churches and followers of Jesus. It's influenced by Proverbs and frequently quotes Jesus' Sermon on the Mount.

While James doesn't teach new theology, it does challenge believers on how they should live. Topics covered include words, favoritism, love, wealth and hardship. When believers listen to and obey God's word, they love Him and others. Their actions match their words, and their lives are made whole, complete and perfect.

Check out the following link for an illustrated overview of the book of James.

<https://thebibleproject.com/explore/james/>

### Icebreaker:

Share your favorite / least favorite camping moment with the group.

### Discussion Questions:

#### Read James 5:7-12

What circumstances were James readers experiencing that would cause James to write to them encouraging them to have patience to persevere? (See James 1:1)

How do those circumstances compare to what you may be experiencing today?

What examples does James offer to help his readers have proper perspective in the midst of their trying times? How are they helpful?

## **Read 2 Corinthians 10:5**

What does it mean to “take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ?”

What is the danger in not taking every thought captive and making it obedient to Christ?

How have you gone about applying this to your life?

## **Read Psalms 119:50**

How do the promises of God help you have proper perspective for the road ahead (no matter what lies ahead)?

Read the following promises of God and discuss how they can help you have the perspective needed to persevere with patience:

Deuteronomy 31:6, Isaiah 41:10, Joshua 1:9

Psalms 138:8

James 1:5

James 4:8

Isaiah 43:19

Philippians 4:6-7

2 Corinthians 12:9

Matthew 11:28

What are some of your favorite promises of God that have been helpful to you?