

As obedient *Children.*  
do not conform to the evil desires you had  
when you lived in ignorance.  
But just as he who called you is  
*Holy. So be*  
*Holy in all you do.*  
1 Peter 1:14,15

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**LADIES' PRAYER FELLOWSHIP: Today, 10:15am @ Annexe, L3**

**Topic:** Rahab—A Horrible Life Redeemed

**MEN'S FELLOWSHIP: Today, 10:30am over Zoom / in Church @ Annexe L203-204**

**Topic:** It's Just Vapour (Ecclesiastes 1:1-11)

**SENIOR CITIZENS' MINISTRY: Thursday, 9 Oct, 10am @ Main Hall**

**Exercise:** 9am before meeting in Church @ 160CR

**Activity:** Paint by Numbers

**CHRISTIANITY EXPLORED: Saturday, 11 Oct, 4pm to 5:30pm @ Annexe, L4**

**Boldly invite your family and friends to find out what Mark tells us about why Jesus came.**

**BAPTISM SERVICE: Sunday, 26 Oct, 5:30pm @ Main Hall**  
**Speaker:** Mr Low Kok Guan [Bethesda (Bedok-Tampines) Church]

Come and share the joy of this occasion with those who are going to be baptised.

### **SUNDAY PRAYER WITH ELDERS**

Elders Drs Jonathan Choo and Douglas Chan will be available after morning service to pray privately with anyone who seeks personal prayer support.



## **BETHESDA (KATONG) CHURCH**

### **WORSHIP**

through giving

Honour the LORD with your wealth, with the first fruits of all your crops. Proverbs 3:9

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- General Fund (GF);
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- Disaster Relief Fund (DRF)

#### **THANK YOU**

...for God loves a cheerful giver.  
(2 Corinthians 9:7b)

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## Steadfast While Waiting

Our world prizes instant results and quick fixes, but James 5:7–12 calls us to a radically different posture: patience. *“Be patient, therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord,”* James writes, urging believers to adopt the long view of faith. Like a farmer who sows in hope and waits for the rains, we too are called to trust in God’s timing, even when the soil of life seems dry and the harvest delayed.

What James tells us is both a balm and a challenge. It comforts us with the reminder that the Lord’s coming is near—that our suffering, our waiting, our longing will not last forever. But it also confronts us with the truth that patience is not passive. It is active endurance. It is the spiritual discipline of trusting God when circumstances tempt us to grumble, retaliate, or give up.

James uses the example of the prophets—those who spoke God’s truth and suffered for it. They did not escape hardship, but they endured it with faith. And then he points to Job, whose account reminds us that suffering is not the end of the story. *“You have seen the purpose of the Lord,”* James writes, *“how the Lord is compassionate and merciful.”* (v11) Job’s trials were real, but so was God’s restoration.

So what does this mean for us today?

**Encouragement for the weary:** If you’re in a season of waiting—for healing, for reconciliation, for provision—know that God sees you. He is not distant or indifferent. The *“early and late rains”* will come. The Lord is full of compassion and mercy. Your waiting will not be in vain.

**Challenge for the restless:** James warns against grumbling against one another. Waiting can make us irritable, impatient, and prone to blame. But the call is to strengthen our hearts, not sharpen our tongues. Let your speech reflect your hope, not your frustration. Let your yes be yes, and your no be no. Integrity matters, especially in seasons of testing.

**A call to endurance:** Patience is not weakness—it is spiritual strength. It is the quiet courage to keep praying, keep loving, keep serving, even when results are slow and the road is hard. The prophets endured. Job endured. And so can we, by the grace of God.

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### 1. TODAY'S SPEAKER

Pray for Pastor Yeoh Seng Eng (Pasir Panjang Hill Brethren Church) who gives us today's ministry message **"Encouragement to Endure Patiently" (James 5:7-12)**. Pray that we will have attentive hearts to this message given to us.

### 2. STRENGTHEN OUR HEARTS

Dear Lord,

Teach us patience in our waiting, endurance in our trials, and grace in our speech. Help us trust your compassion and mercy. May we stand firm like the prophets and Job, faithful until your coming. Strengthen our hearts, Lord, for you are near. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

### 3. BKC MEMBERS

Pray the following for our church members:

- \* Pray that God will call our members to step up and serve him joyfully, both within and beyond the church, and to be a faithful witness for him.
- \* Pray for God's love and strength to enable us to care for one another, and for his healing hand to be upon our members who are sick.
- \* Pray for our members to develop the spiritual discipline of prayer in BKC.

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As we journey together as a church family at BKC, let us be people marked by steadfastness. Let us encourage one another in the waiting, speak truth with grace, and trust that the Lord is near. And when he comes again, may he find us faithful. Till then, may we continue to sow in hope, wait with endurance, and live with integrity. The harvest is coming.

## THEME: GROWING IN THE KINGDOM

Encouragement to Endure Patiently (James 5:7-12)  
Pastor Yeoh Seng Eng (Pasir Panjang Hill Brethren Church)

### Sermon Notes

#### VERSE FOR THE WEEK:

**James 5:8 (NIV)**

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

#### Next Week's Sermon

**The Prayer of Faith  
(James 5:13-20)**

Advisory Elder Eric Ang