



Taking Higher Ground!

January 28, 2024 – James 5:7-11

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Posture of the Church in Perilous Times

1. **Wait** on God! (James 5:7a)
 - a. The Lord has a **purpose** for this time! (James 5:7b)
 - b. Jesus **will** return!
 - c. Be like the **prophets**!
2. Hold **fast** to your faith! (James 5:8)
3. Now is the time to be **united** not divided! (James 5:9)
 - a. Unite in our **love** for one another!
 - b. Unite in our **hope** the return of Christ!
 - c. United in our **pursuit** of Christ and His righteousness.
 - d. Unite in our **purposes** as the Church!

It's Time to Take the Higher Ground!

Discussion Questions:

1. How would you describe our culture's perspective toward Christianity or Christians?
2. What are some of our natural responses when we feel under attack because of our faith?
3. What does it look like to wait on the Lord in our present day?
4. Can you think of a practical example from your life of how you can take higher ground in a particular circumstance?
5. One of Satan's strategies is to divide the church. How can you guard yourself from falling prey to this strategy?
6. What action are you going to take as a result of what God's Word teaches?

Next Steps:

1. If you would like to become a follower of Jesus, please let us know. Pastor Jon will be down front after the service and would love to connect.
2. If you are interested in baptism, let Pastor Jon know in person or email him at pj@fbclowell.org.
3. Read the Bible with us to know God and respond to Him! Below is our current schedule.

January 2024				
Week 1 Starting Jan 1	Week 2 Starting Jan 8	Week 3 Starting Jan 15	Week 4 Starting Jan 22	Week 5 Starting Jan 29
Day 1: Psalm 1-3	Day 1: Psalm 12-15	Day 1: Psalm 24-25	Day 1: Psalm 35-36	Day 1: Psalm 45-46
Day 2: Psalm 4-5	Day 2: Psalm 16-17	Day 2: Psalm 26-27	Day 2: Psalm 37	Day 2: Psalm 47-48
Day 3: Psalm 6-7	Day 3: Psalm 18	Day 3: Psalm 28-30	Day 3: Psalm 38-39	Day 3: Psalm 49-50
Day 4: Psalm 8-9	Day 4: Psalm 19-21	Day 4: Psalm 31-32	Day 4: Psalm 40-41	Day 4: Psalm 51-52
Day 5: Psalm 10-11	Day 5: Psalm 22-23	Day 5: Psalm 33-34	Day 5: Psalm 42-44	Day 5: Psalm 53-55
¹ Praise the LORD. Praise the LORD, my soul. ² I will praise the LORD all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live. ³ Do not put your trust in princes, in human beings, who cannot save. ⁴ When their spirit departs, they return to the ground; on that very day their plans come to nothing.				
Psalm 146:1-4 (NIV)				

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