

Pressure Points Bible Study VI: The Pressure of Retaliation – James 5:1-11

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Things to Ponder

- 1) What does it mean to retaliate?

- 2) What does it mean to endure?

Going Deeper

- 1) More than half of today's lesson is devoted to calling those who have been dishonest and unjust to take responsibility for what they've done. Do you find it comforting that God not only takes note of the evil that these people have committed but has a plan in motion that won't let them get away with it? Why or why not?

- 2) Why do you think that God highlights how the righteous and just person doesn't resist the unrighteous and unjust person when God lists all the second group's ungodly deeds?

- 3) How might complaining about each other within the fellowship feed a desire to retaliate against people who have mistreated a believer(s)?

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- 4) God tells us to patient and endure. Is there a difference between following God’s advice and unnecessarily subjecting oneself to mistreatment by another? If so, how so?

- 5) In order to resist the pressure to retaliate, we do well to follow Jesus’ example of dealing with those who mistreated him. Sometimes, Jesus sought to correct their misconceptions. At other times, Jesus chose to let the work of ministry he was engaged in speak for him. At another time, he did something to prevent people from disrespecting God’s house. Give an example of how you could use at least one of the techniques above to address the mistreatment without retaliating.
