

EVERYDAY FAITH

A WORSHIP SERIES
THROUGH THE
BOOK OF JAMES



James 5:7-12

Be patient, therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient about it, until it receives the early and the late rains.⁸ You also, be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand.

⁹ Do not grumble against one another, brothers, so that you may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing at the door.

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¹⁰ As an example of suffering and patience, brothers, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. ¹¹ Behold, we consider those blessed who remained steadfast. You have heard of the steadfastness of Job, and you have seen the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful.

¹² But above all, my brothers, do not swear, either by heaven or by earth or by any other oath, but let your “yes” be yes and your “no” be no, so that you may not fall under condemnation.

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- *That Person*
- *This Situation*
- *My Heart*

Designed to be satisfied ("precious fruit"), but are living in the "not yet" ("early & late rains")

*Broken World
Broken Me*

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Impatience creates Grumbling

Verbally

Face to Face

Behind their Backs
(social media; politics)

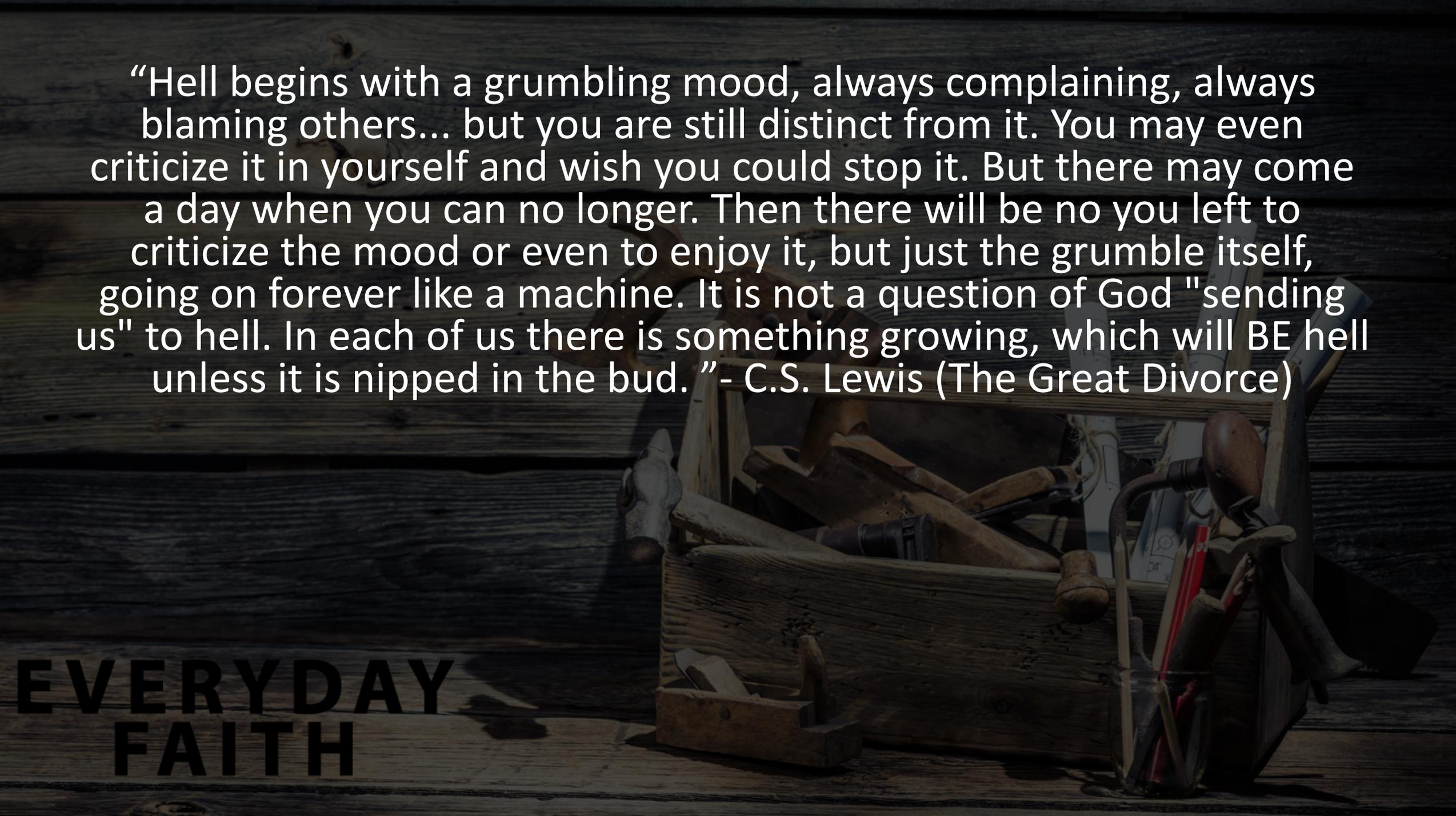
Internally

“sigh, groan, grudge”

Bitterness

Score Keeping

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“Hell begins with a grumbling mood, always complaining, always blaming others... but you are still distinct from it. You may even criticize it in yourself and wish you could stop it. But there may come a day when you can no longer. Then there will be no you left to criticize the mood or even to enjoy it, but just the grumble itself, going on forever like a machine. It is not a question of God "sending us" to hell. In each of us there is something growing, which will BE hell unless it is nipped in the bud.” - C.S. Lewis (The Great Divorce)

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Perspective

“you have seen the purpose of the Lord”

Community

“You have heard of the steadfastness of Job.”

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Trust

“compassionate
and merciful”

HESED

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God's Steadfast Love

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Isaiah 53:7

He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth.

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5:8 You also, be patient. **Establish** your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand.

BE Patient”
not ACT Patiently
Begins with Faith,
which leads to Trust

Establish = Abide; to be
planted with deep roots



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for the **coming of the Lord is at hand**.

Patience NOW as I wait on the THEN

Romans 8:22

For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. ²³ And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, **groan inwardly** as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies.

The “fruit/blessing” is on the horizon. All of Creation,
along with my own selfishness is being healed.

Psalm 86:15

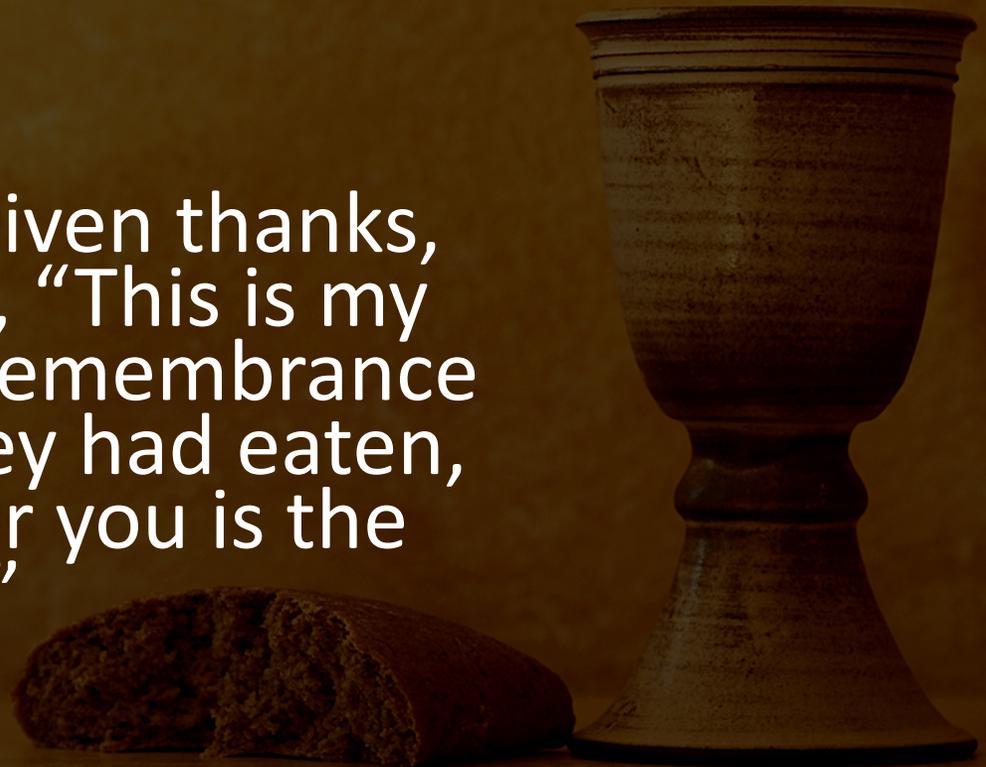
But you, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.

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Luke 22:19-20

And he took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." ²⁰ And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying, "This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood."



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