Title: Trust Issues
Text: James 5:1-12
Target: What you do with what you have, and how you respond to what you can't control, reveal who you really trust.

I. THE WAY OF WEALTH: What's in Your Hands (vv. 1–6)

A. Confront the Corruption of Wealth (vv. 1–3)

1. **Don't Ignore What's Coming**: *"Come now, you rich, weep and howl for the miseries that are coming upon you."* (Vs. 1)
2. **Don't Trust What Won't Last**: *"Your riches have rotted and your garments are moth-eaten."* (Vs. 2)
3. **Don't Hoard What You Can't Keep:** *"Your gold and silver have corroded, and their corrosion will be evidence against you and will eat your flesh like fire. You have laid up treasure in the last days."* (Vs. 3)

B. Condemn the Misuse of Wealth (vv. 4–6)

1. **Don't Get Ahead by Cheating Others:** *"Behold, the wages of the laborers who mowed your fields, which you kept back by fraud, are crying out against you, and the cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts."* (Vs. 4)
2. **Don't Let Comfort Consume You**: *"You have lived on the earth in luxury and in self-indulgence. You have fattened your hearts in a day of slaughter."* (Vs. 5)
3. **Don't Use Power to Hurt Others**: *"You have condemned and murdered the righteous person. He does not resist you."* (Vs. 6)

II. THE WEIGHT OF WAITING: What's Outside Your Hands (vv. 7–12)

A. Cultivate Patience in the Waiting (vv. 7–9)

1. **Don't Quit Before the Harvest:** *"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."* (Vs. 7)
2. **Don't Let Waiting Shake Your Faith:** *"You also, be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand."* (Vs. 8)
3. **Don't Let Frustration Turn to Bitterness:** *"Do not grumble against one another, brothers, so that you may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing at the door."* (v. 9)

B. Continue Faithfully in the Waiting (vv. 10–12)

1. **Obey Even When It Costs You:** *"As an example of suffering and patience, brothers, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord."* (Vs. 10)

2. **Trust God Even When It Hurts**: *“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.”* (Vs. 11)
3. **Keep Your Integrity Under Pressure:** *“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.”* (Vs. 12)

Takeaway: Let Go & Hold On. Let go of what controls you. Hold on to the God who sustains you.