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Series: James: Faith/Works

Sermon Title: Riches that Never Fade

Main Scripture: James 5:1-6

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OUTLINE

1. Problem: True wealth is found in the eternal treasures of heaven, not in the temporary riches of this world.
2. Principle: Earthly riches promise security and satisfaction, but in the end, they corrupt our hearts and deceive us.
3. Gospel: Through Christ, we receive an inheritance that never fades – abundant, eternal riches that satisfy forever.
4. Response: The riches of Christ are open hands, not closed fists – marked by generosity, contentment, and trust in God's provision.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- MISSIONAL PRAYING: Remember to be praying about who you can minister to, and how. Pray with and for one another.
- Who can you invite to join your Community Group?

DISCUSSION GUIDE

Group Leader: See if your group has reviewed the latest newsletter and briefly skim together if needed. [NEWSLETTER ARCHIVE](#)

Pray, asking the Lord to give humility as you read His Word.

Read James 5:1–6 aloud together. Also, have one person read in another translation for comparison.

Problem

1. In what ways can money or possessions subtly become an idol in our daily lives?
2. How might wealth obtained wrongly show up in modern contexts beyond outright fraud?
3. Why do you think money so easily tempts us to trust in ourselves rather than in God?

Principle

1. When James warns that gold and silver will corrode (James 5:3), what does that reveal about the nature of earthly wealth?
2. How does Jesus' teaching in Matthew 6:19-21 help us redefine what it means to be "rich?"
3. What are some practical ways we can begin storing up eternal treasures today?

Gospel

1. How does the imagery of Jesus feeding the 5000 (John 6:1-14) illustrate the abundance of His riches for us?
2. What does it mean for Christ Himself to be our true treasure (Colossians 2:2-3)?
3. How does knowing that our inheritance is "imperishable, undefiled and unfading" (1 Peter 1:4) free us from anxiety about money?

Response

1. How does generosity break the grip of money as an idol in our lives?
2. What is one area of your life where you could intentionally move from "closed fists" to "open hands?"
3. How can we encourage each other as a community to use our resources to reflect Christ's generosity?