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Hebrews 6:10, "For God *is* not unjust to forget your work and labor of love which you have shown toward His name, *in that* you have ministered to the saints, and do minister."

Hebrews 6:12, "that you do not become sluggish, but imitate those who through faith and patience inherit the promises."

I. First, we can have confidence that despite failure, God's grace always provides for recovery. 6:9

II. God's justice does not forget, neglect or overlook that which we have done in the power of the Spirit. 6:10

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The Essence of God

Sovereign

Omniscient

Righteousness

Omnipresent

Justice

Omnipotent

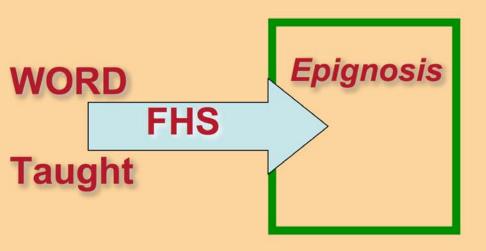
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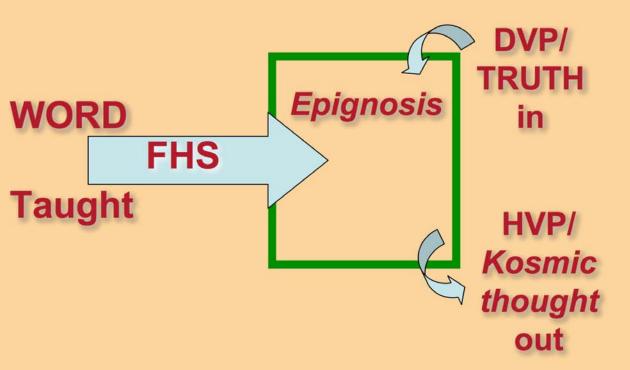
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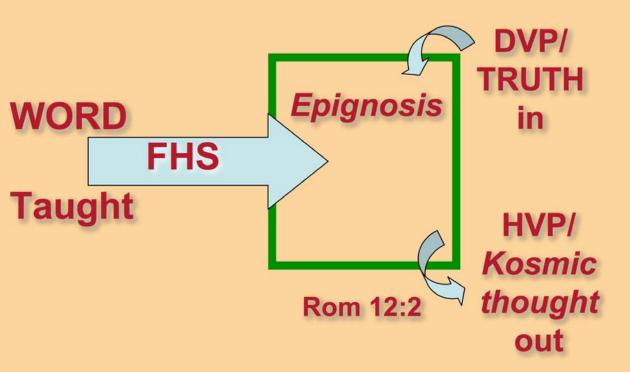
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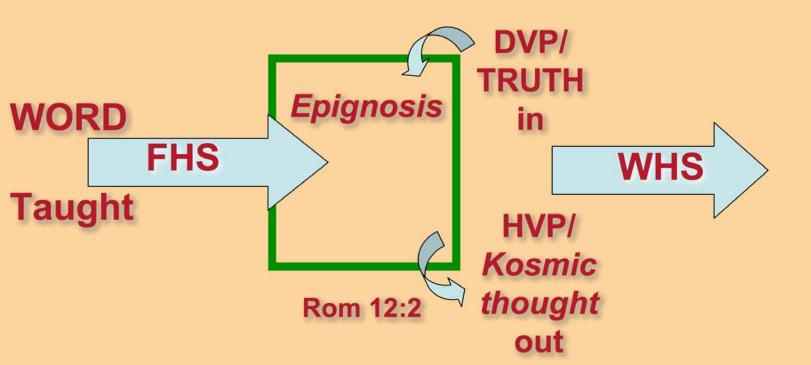
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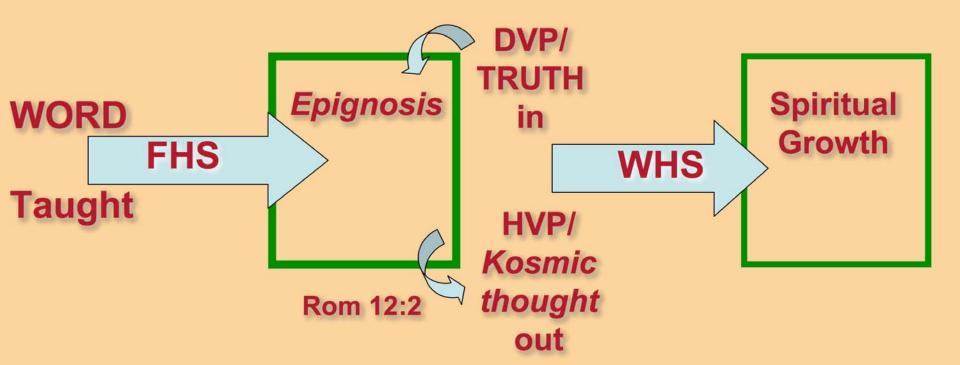


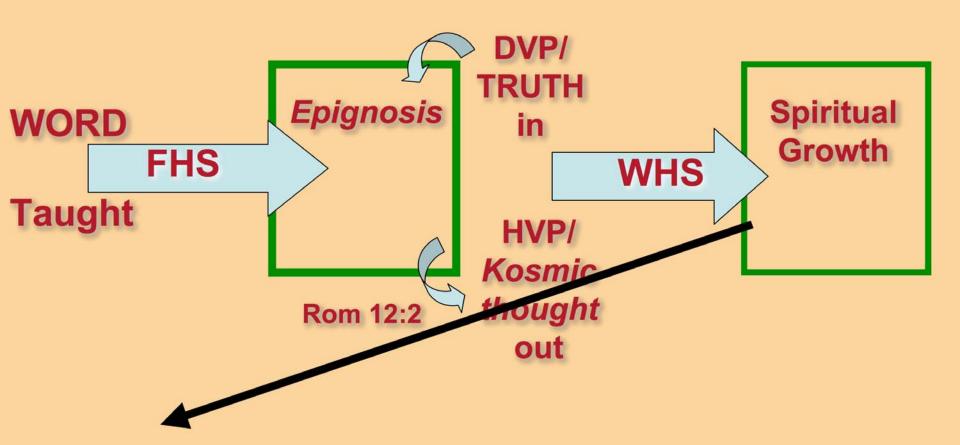


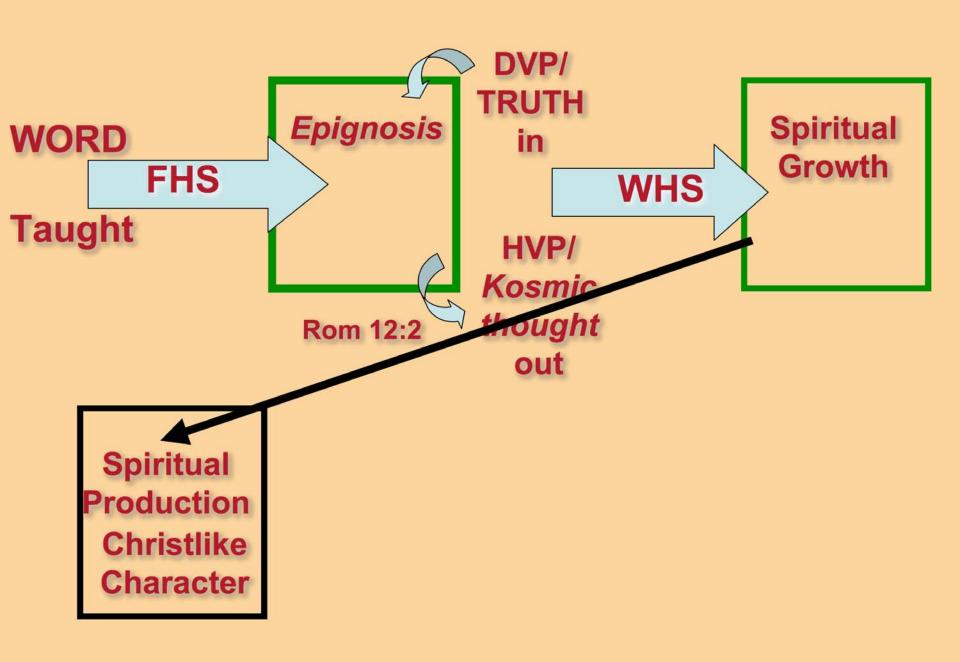


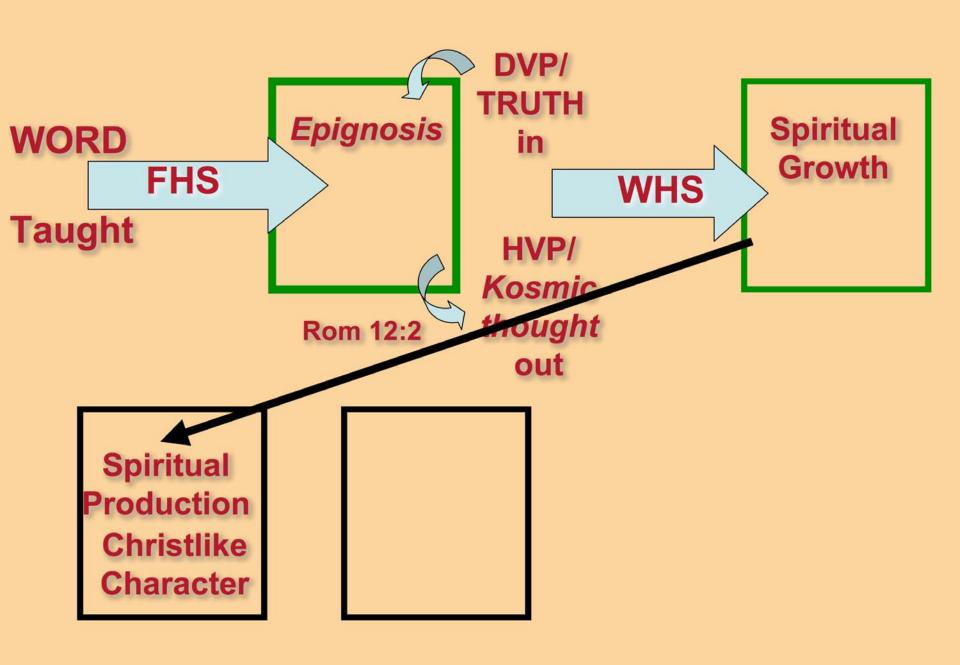


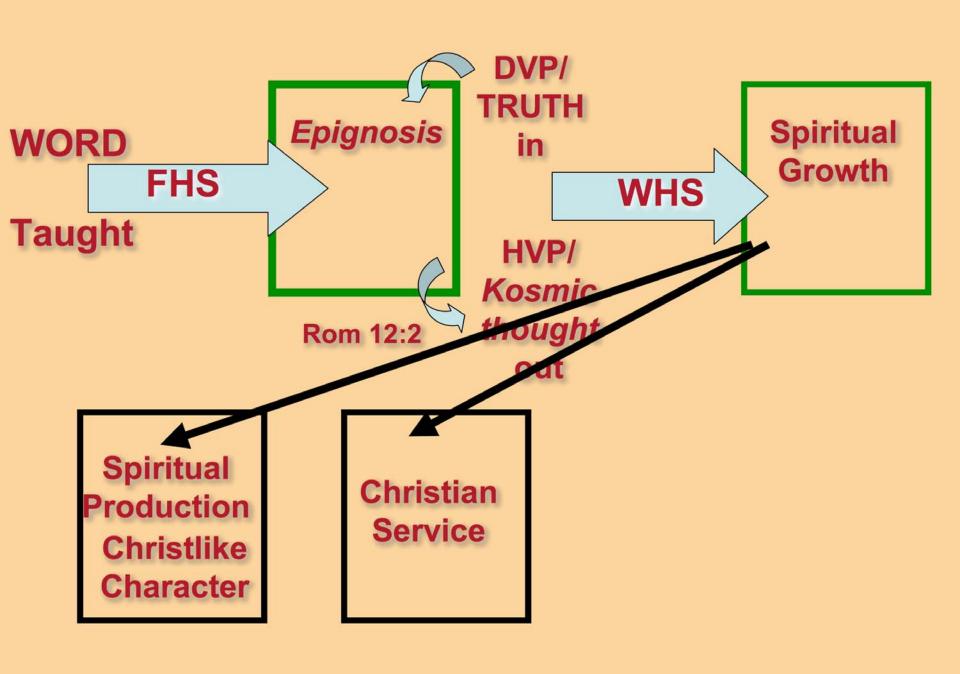


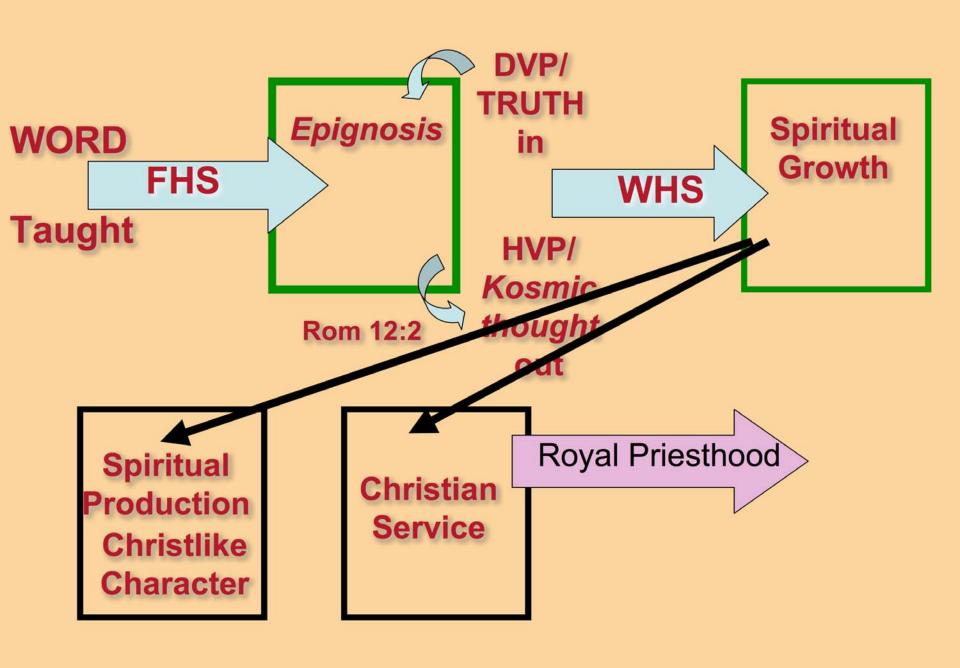


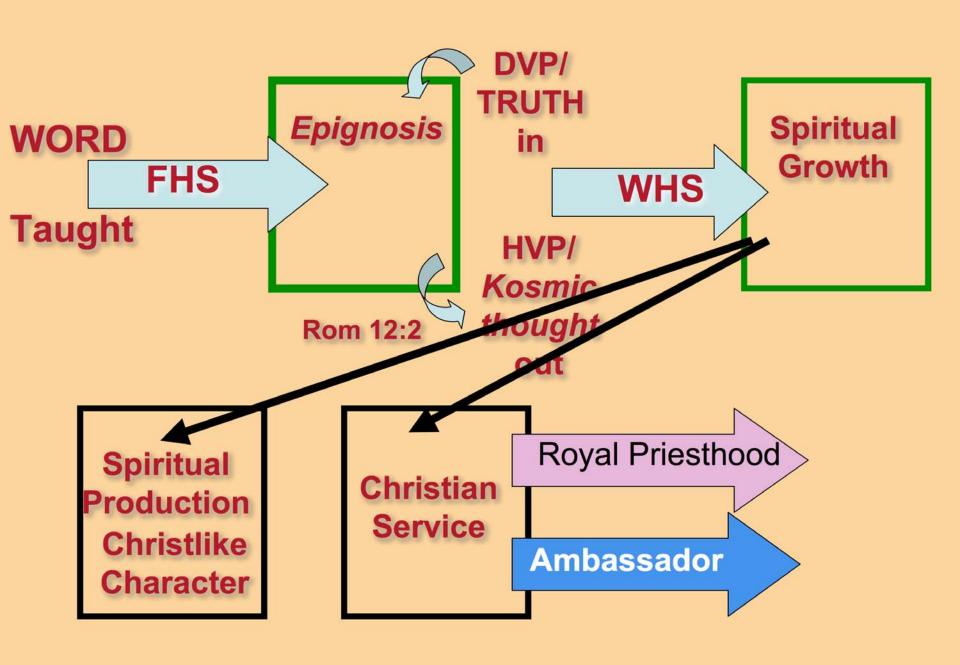


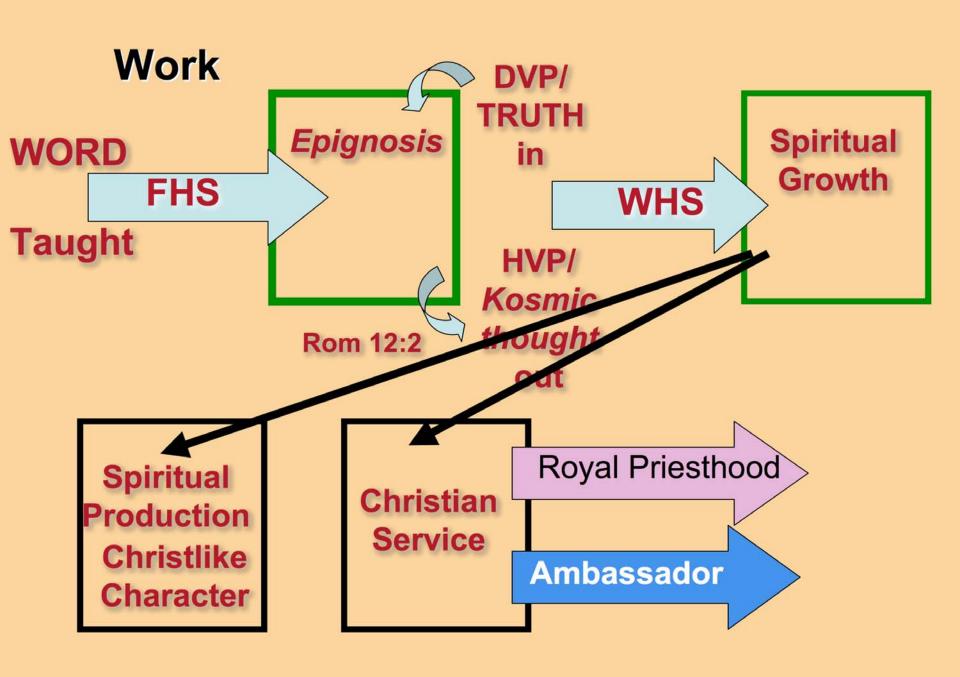


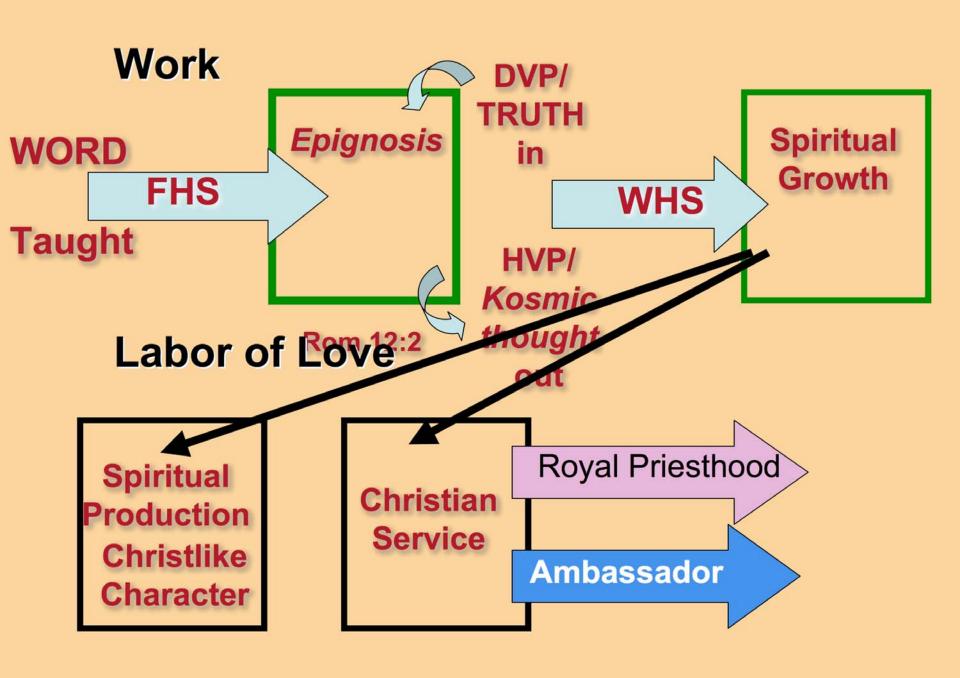


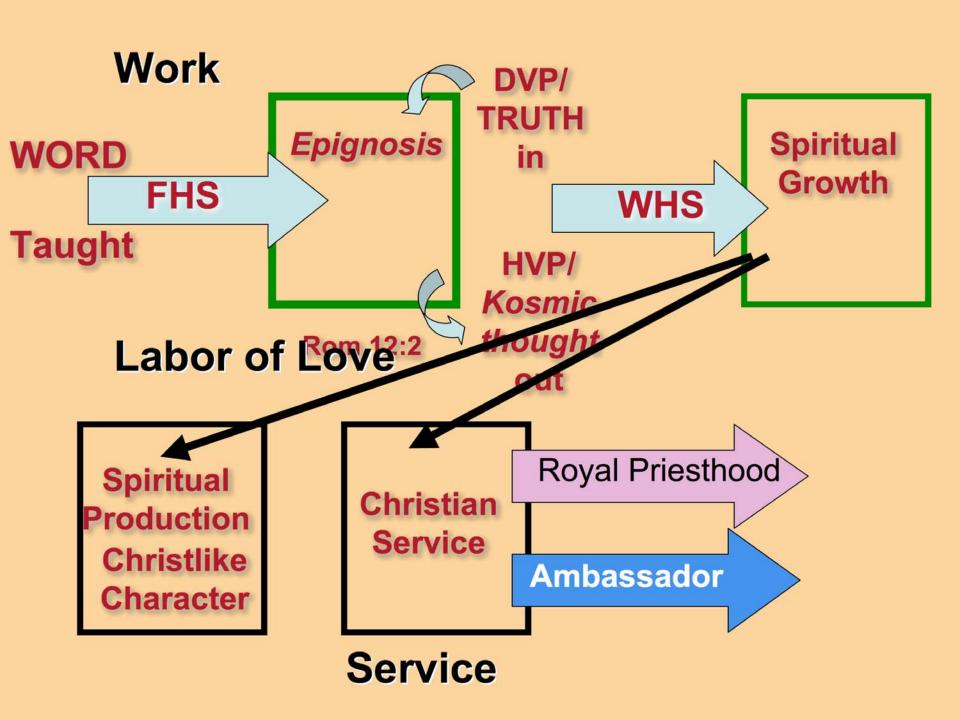












Ephesians 4:11, "And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers,

Ephesians 4:12, "for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ,"

III. The believer is to persevere in light of our future expectation to continue in faith and patience to realize a full inheritance.
6:11–12

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σπουδή spoudé;
"to speed, urge,
hasten, press.
Speed, haste,
earnestness,
diligence, zeal.

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"to show, to demonstrate, to make something known, to prove"

πληροφορία *plērophoria*; The realization of full conviction. The goal of the spiritual life is presented here as pressing forward to bring to completion or realization in one's life all of the implications of our future expectation.

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μιμητής mimēté s; to mimic, to imitate,

1 Cor 4:16, "Therefore I exhort you, be imitators of me."

1 Cor 11:1, "Be imitators of me, just as I also am of Christ."

Eph 5:1, "Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children;"

1 Th 1:6, "You also became imitators of us and of the Lord, having received the word in much tribulation with the joy of the Holy Spirit,"

1 Th 2:14, "For you, brethren, became imitators of the churches of God in Christ Jesus that are in Judea, for you also endured the same sufferings at the hands of your own countrymen, even as they *did* from the Jews,"

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μακροθυμία *makrothumía*;

"to be longsuffering. Forbearance, longsuffering, self-restraint before proceeding to action." James 5:7, "Therefore be patient, brethren, until the coming of the Lord. See *how* the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, waiting patiently for it until it receives the early and latter rain."

James 5:8, "You also be patient [makrothumia]. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand.

James 5:9, "Do not grumble against one another, brethren, lest you be condemned. Behold, the Judge is standing at the door!"

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στηρίζω stērízō;, to set firm, to fix so it doesn't move, to establish permanently.

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στενάζω stenázō; Complain, groan, gripe about whatever it is about other believers that irritate you. James 5:10, "My brethren, take the prophets, who spoke in the name of the Lord, as an example of suffering and patience.

James 5:11, "Indeed we count them blessed who endure. You have heard of the perseverance of Job and seen the end *intended by* the Lord – that the Lord is very compassionate and merciful."

James 5:17, "Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed earnestly that it would not rain; and it did not rain on the land for three years and six months."

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What Made Them Different?

- 1. Faith. They had the will, the gumption, the guts to believe God and take up the challenge to walk by faith and not by sight.
 - 2 Cor 5:7, "For we walk by faith, not by sight."
- 2. Since they had a biblical view of reality, their norms and standards, their plans and procedures, their core values were turned upside down by the Word of God. They were willing to totally submit to the plan of God and become servants of God, servants of Christ.