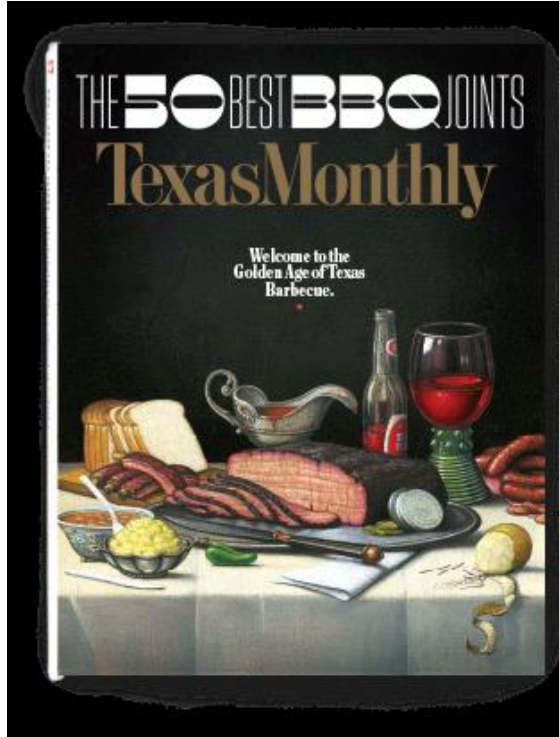




JOIN THE RESISTANCE!

James 5:7 - 11

LET THEM EAT BRISKET!!!!



Tootsie Tomanetz; Kerry Bexley at Snow's BBQ.



Snow's

Opened: 2003

Pitmaster: Tootsie Tomanetz, 82, and Kerry Bexley, 50

Method: Post oak; both direct- and indirect-heat pits

Pro tip: This is some of the least expensive top-quality brisket around—\$15.95 a

pound, in case you're planning a party.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, PAM!!!!



DANGEROUS CONVERSATIONS



“If I have no love I am just a banging gong or clanging cymbal” (James)

“Love that passage”

“James gets it right – he knows what he is talking about!”

“I was just reading that in my Bible”

“I wish I was more like James”

“That was Paul, not James”

JAMES 5:7 - 11

Suffering is generally something we run **from**

However, the church of the 1st century understood something very powerful - something James, who would be tortured to death just a few years after writing this letter, writes about:

It is through the experience of suffering that we truly learn who Jesus is and, thus, who we are as his disciples

JAMES 5:7 - 11

James shares with us three things that help us bring meaning to and stand faithful in the midst of suffering:

- God responds to our suffering, even when we can't see it (vv. 7-8)
- We need each other when we are suffering (v. 9)
- The key to growing our faith during suffering is the focus on hope (vv. 10-11)

JAMES 5:7 - 8

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What was James talking about in the previous passage?

What does James want them to do?

What does James want them to wait on happening?

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Why do we turn on each other when we feel hurt?

What is James' reasoning for not attacking others?

How does having other people around you during suffering help?

JAMES 5:10 - 11

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How does having an example help us complete a task?

What is the relationship here between the examples and their suffering?

Where does the perseverance lead to?

WIIFM?

How does James' view of suffering help us?

- We **MUST** reject our current culture's view of suffering as meaningless
- We have a responsibility to each other
- We have an opportunity to grow our faith

“A MESSAGE TO ISIS” BY KIRO AL-MASRY

I will not speak (as some
have done)

And curse your religion
whatever its name.

I have come that it be
known:

My Father’s religion and
what it proclaims.

My Father’s religion has
love at its heart,

The meaning of which
will call you to peace.

My Father’s religion, right
from the start

Offers forbearance that
conflict will cease.

Your hatred and killing in
no way suffices

To stop us from loving
and praying for you.

My Father’s religion, oh
dear Uncle ISIS,

Is not a weapon to pierce
you straight through.

I wish that you could
come to see

Or just one time the
answer seek.

That while you bomb and
murder, we

Stay strong as is a
mountain peak.

My Father’s religion of
spirit consists.

It is not a body whose
end is the dust.

And for the spirit –
despite death persists –

Awaiting are loved ones
residing in trust.

My Father’s religion, if
you could discern,

Offers each wounded the
medic of life.

Tomorrow when you will
repent and return,

You will come to know
just who is the Christ.