JAMES
putting faith to work
Here are the songs we sang this Sunday. This shows the song name, the artist who performed the song, and the cd that contains the song.

*Glorious* – Chris Tomlin – *See the Morning*

*Same Power* – Jeremy Camp – *I Will Follow*

*Here For You* – Passion – *Here For You*

*We Believe* – Newsboys – *Restart*

*Glorious Day (Living He Loved Me)* – Casting Crowns – *Until the Whole World Hearts*
Putting Faith to Work (part 11)

James 5:7-12
| Faith at Work Amidst Difficulties | James 1:1-11 | We can rejoice in our trials because God is producing in us what we truly lack |
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10 Brothers and sisters, as an example of patience in the face of suffering, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.
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- No one knows the day of Christ's return

32 “But concerning that day or that hour, no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.” (Mark 13:32)
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9 The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance. (2 Peter 3:9)
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- God’s account of time is different than ours

8 But do not forget this one thing, dear friends: With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day. (2 Peter 3:8)
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- Overall emphasis—Be ready!
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Romans 14:10-12

10 You, then, why do you judge your brother or sister? Or why do you treat them with contempt? For we will all stand before God’s judgment seat. 11 It is written:
Watch your words in light of the coming judgment (v.9)

- Romans 14:10-12

“‘As surely as I live,’ says the Lord, ‘every knee will bow before me; every tongue will acknowledge God.’”

12 So then, each of us will give an account of ourselves to God.
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  - God prohibits making a vow & not following through on it; We must be completely truthful
  - God prohibits flippantly swearing
Watch your words in light of the coming judgment (v.12)

- Is it wrong to swear on the Bible in a court of law?
Like a farmer, be patient & steadfast, ready for the Lord’s coming.