

FINISHING STRONG

Matthew 25:1-13
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INTRO:

1. The **transitional** texts
2. The **three** parables

A. LIVE FAITHFULLY

1. Be steadfast to the **promise** of His coming (v. 1)
2. Be steadfast in the **practice** of your faith (v. 2-4)

B. LIVE EXPECTANTLY

1. Be **awake** when others are asleep (v. 5)
2. Be **alert** when others least expect it (v. 6)

C. LIVE DECISIVELY (v. 7-9)

1. Your **present** actions affect your future (v. 7-8)
2. You are accountable for your **personal** preparation (v. 9-10)
3. Your **procrastinating** will have a severe outcome (v. 10-12)
4. You need to be **prepared** (v. 13)

CONCLUSION

James 5:7-8

"Be patient, then, brothers and sisters, until the Lord's coming. See how the farmer waits for the land to yield its valuable crop, patiently waiting for the autumn and spring rains. You too, be patient and stand firm, because the Lord's coming is near."