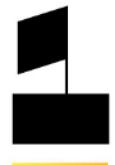
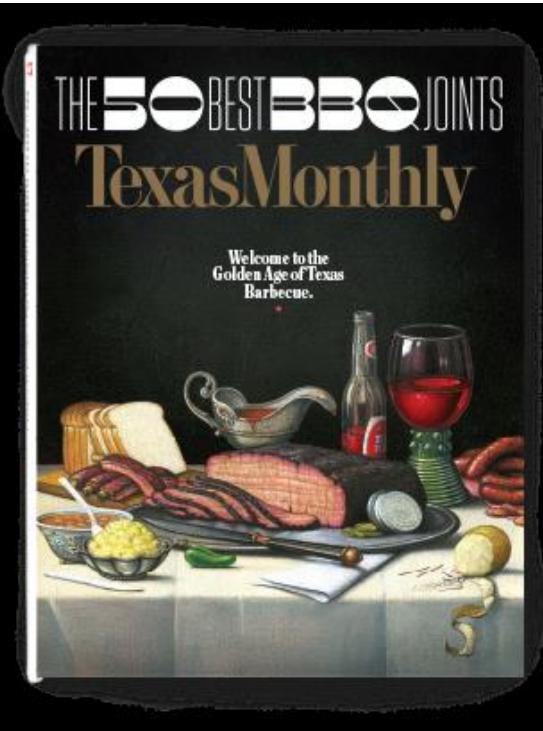
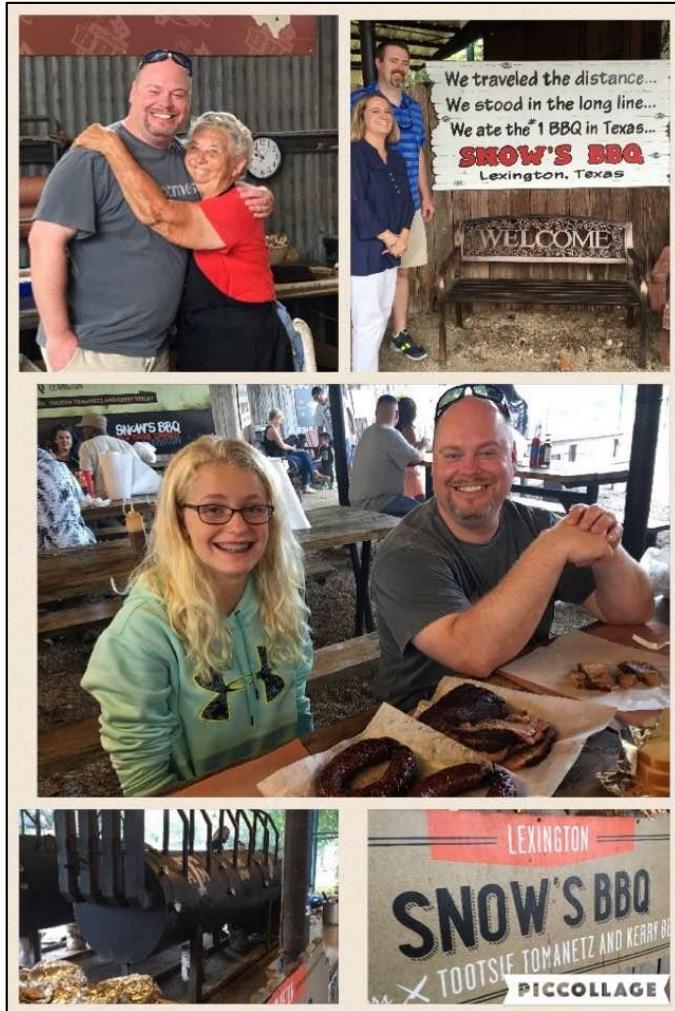


JOIN THE RESISTANCE!

James 5:7 - 11

# LET THEM EAT BRISKET!!!!



## 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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)

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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?

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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)	My Father's religion, right from the start	I wish that you could come to see	And for the spirit – despite death persists –
And curse your religion whatever its name.	Offers forbearance that conflict will cease.	Or just one time the answer seek.	Awaiting are loved ones residing in trust.
I have come that it be known:	Your hatred and killing in no way suffices	That while you bomb and murder, we	My Father's religion, if you could discern,
My Father's religion and what it proclaims.	To stop us from loving and praying for you.	Stay strong as is a mountain peak.	Offers each wounded the medic of life.
My Father's religion has love at its heart,	My Father's religion, oh dear Uncle ISIS,	My Father's religion of spirit consists.	Tomorrow when you will repent and return,
The meaning of which will call you to peace.	Is not a weapon to pierce you straight through.	It is not a body whose end is the dust.	You will come to know just who is the Christ.