

THE BOOK OF JAMES

TAKE YOU AT YOUR WORD
JAMES 5:13-20

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“¹³ Is anyone among you in trouble? Let them pray. Is anyone happy? Let them sing songs of praise. ¹⁴ Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵ And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them up. If they have sinned, they will be forgiven. ¹⁶ Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.

¹⁷ Elijah was a human being, even as we are. He prayed earnestly that it would not rain, and it did not rain on the land for three and a half years.

¹⁸ Again he prayed, and the heavens gave rain, and the earth produced its crops.

¹⁹ My brothers and sisters, if one of you should wander from the truth and someone should bring that person back, ²⁰ remember this: Whoever turns a sinner from the error of their way will save them from death and cover over a multitude of sins.”

~ JAMES 5:13-20 (NIV)

Elijah the Prophet

EVEN AS WE ARE? James 5:17-18



Reference found in
1 Kings 16-18

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- 1 - When life is hard or good, what is your instinctual response? (Where do you go?) What does that reveal about your relationship with God?
- 2 - What do you think James means by “the prayer offered in faith”? What does it look like to pray in faith when you don’t know if God will answer your prayer the way you want Him to?
- 3 - If prayer is a conversation between you and God, why does James make it a point for people to confess their sins to one another? What keeps us from being honest with one another about our struggles, and what might it look like to confess sins in a healthy way?
- 4 - What does Elijah’s story teach us about prayer? Why does James emphasize that Elijah was “just like us”? Is there an area of your life where you could be more persistent and intentional in your prayer life with God?
- 5 - Who this week can you pray for? Who can you confess sins to? How could it look this week to take God at His Word and pray through all aspects of life, both individually and with community?

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