
SERMON NOTES AND SCRIPTURE

James 5:13–20

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.

1. Prayer is not getting our will done in heaven, it's getting God's will done on earth.

2. Prayer is not for the perfect, but for the imperfect.

TWO QUESTIONS:

1. Where is the Lord leading me in my prayer life? What are the next steps that I am going to take?

2. What has the epistle of James revealed to me about the heart of God?

GROUP DISCUSSION

Please read the passage of Scripture together as a group.

From the passage, what is prayer meant to accomplish in a believer's life?

What do we do with verse 15? How would you describe this delicately to someone praying for healing this side of heaven for a loved one?

What does it practically look like to confess your sins to one another? How can our life group do that?

In verses 19 and 20 it talks about calling someone back to the faith. If you walked away from the faith, how would you best receive someone correcting you to come back?

Is there someone in your life who needs to be called back to the faith?

This is a high calling to speak into each other's lives. How can we better do that as a Christian community? Share some practical ways to do that.

How can our group pray for you?