

A JOURNEY THROUGH JAMES—PART 10
“PRAYER CHANGES THINGS!”
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James 5:13-16 (NKJV)—“Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing psalms. Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. Confess *your* trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.”

Questions:

1) What’s The “Prayer of Faith”?

James 5:15—“And the prayer of faith will save the sick...”

Mark 9:23-24—“...‘Everything is possible for one who believes.’ Immediately the boy’s father exclaimed, ‘I do believe; help me overcome my unbelief!’”

The Big Idea:

The Prayer Of Faith Is A Faith Not In A Particular Outcome, But In The God Of All Outcomes

2) Does The “Prayer of Faith” Promise/Guarantee Healing?

James 5:15—“...And the prayer of faith will save the sick...”

II Corinthians 12:9—“My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.”

Matthew 26:39—“...My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will.”

V. 15: “Save” = Greek word “sozo” = to save, rescue, deliver, heal

3) What Does Confessing Our Sin Have To Do With Healing?

James 5:16—“Confess *your* trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed...”

4) What About The Anointing Oil?

James 5:14—“Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord.”

James 5:16-18 (NKJV)—“...The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much. Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed earnestly that it would not rain; and it did not rain on the land for three years and six months. And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth produced its fruit.”

· Prayer Is The Way God Gets His Work Done Here On Earth

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The Key: Figuring Out What God Wants & Ask Him For It

Martin Luther: “Effective Prayer = Catching Christ in His Own Words.”

Requirements Of Effective Prayer:

· Righteousness

James 5:16—“...The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.”

· Earnestness (Fervent/Persistent)

James 5:17—“Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed earnestly that it would not rain; and it did not rain...”

James 5:19-20 (NKJV)—“Brethren, if anyone among you wanders from the truth, and someone turns him back, let him know that he who turns a sinner from the error of his way will save a soul from death and cover a multitude of sins.”

How Will You Respond?