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## James 5:13-20 (ESV)

### The Prayer of Faith

<sup>13</sup> Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praise. <sup>14</sup> 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. <sup>15</sup> And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. <sup>16</sup> Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working. <sup>17</sup> Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. <sup>18</sup> Then he prayed again, and heaven gave rain, and the earth bore its fruit.

<sup>19</sup> My brothers, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and someone brings him back, <sup>20</sup> let him know that whoever brings back a sinner from his wandering will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

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1. Why is it appropriate for James to finish this letter with a call to prayer?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. What are some reasons to pray according to verses 13-14? What are some things in your own life that fall into these categories?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. Verses 15-16 talk about the power of prayer in the context of healing and confession. How do confession of sins and healing go hand in hand? How does forgiveness connect with this?

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4. Verse 17 mentions the righteous prayers of Elijah. Take the time to read his story in 1 Kings 17 and 18. These two chapters have several events taking place in them where the power of prayer is evident. What were the events and the results that took place because of Elijah's prayers?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
5. Reflect on your "One". What steps have you taken to point your one to Jesus? Keeping in mind that the prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working and that whoever brings a sinner back from their wandering will save their life from death; how does this change how you pray for your "one"?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
6. In what ways would you like to grow as a person who prays powerfully?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
7. What teaching from James' letter has impacted you the most?