



James: The Power of Prayer

Belong

What are some situations in life when people are most likely to pray and ask for prayer from others?

Grow

Have someone read **James 5:13-20** and underline in your Bible each place where “pray,” “praise,” or “prayer” is mentioned.

As you look at **verses 13-16**, what are the different scenarios in which we are to pray? Discuss how these types of prayers are different. Which ones have you personally experienced recently?

Verse 13 says, “... Is anyone Happy? Let them sing songs of praise.” How often do you pause to pray when things are good? Why is this easy to neglect? Why is it that prayer is often not our first response in all situations?

In **verses 15-16**, James moves from asking elders for prayer to believers praying for one another. What is the relationship between the confession of sin and the effectiveness of our prayers? How can prayer and confession of sin with one another bring healing in our lives?

Verses 17-18 provide a good example of an Old Testament prophet who believed strongly in the power of prayer. What do you know about Elijah? What about him inspires you?

As you read **verses 19-20**, who pops into your mind that needs prayer? Pause and allow time to pray for them now.

As a personal action step, set daily times in your calendar during the coming week to read the Connect in Word passages and then pray. Make notes about what you learn about prayer and what you feel led to pray about with your Heavenly Father.

What big picture take-aways have stood out to you from this series in James? What have you learned that you are applying in your personal spiritual journey?

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Connect DAILY

Day 1	<i>Jesus Teaches about Prayer</i> Luke 11:1-13
Day 2	<i>Jesus on Attitude in Prayer</i> Matthew 6:5-15
Day 3	<i>Persistence in Prayer</i> Luke 18:1-8
Day 4	<i>Elijah’s Prayers</i> 1 Kings 17:1-6; 18:1, 41-46
Day 5	<i>Verses on Prayer</i> Isaiah 65:24, Matthew 21:22, John 5:14, John 15:7, Ephesians 6:18, Philippians 4:6-7, 1 Thessalonians 5:17

QUESTIONS?

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