

First Words

Changing our “When all else fails we can always pray” to a “Before all else fails we will always pray.”

When are we \_\_\_\_\_ to pray? - **James 5:13-16a**

1. When we are suffering - **James 5:13a** - “*Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray.*”

- Suffering = To suffer trouble, misfortune, distress or illness
- Pray = General term for prayer encompassing all its aspects

2. When we are \_\_\_\_\_ - **James 5:13b** - “*Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praise.*”

- Cheerful = Lit. “In good spirits”
- Sing psalms = Greek “psalleto” - to sing songs

3. When we are \_\_\_\_\_ - **James 5:14-15** - “*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 one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven.*”

- Sick = Lit.- “to be without strength”– physically or spiritually
- Elders – The under-shepherds, responsible for the flock
- Anointing with oil – symbolic of the Holy Spirit
- Lit. “The prayer produced by faith”
- “Save” – to deliver
- Sick – worn out or discouraged
- Raise-up – cause to stand

4. When we are \_\_\_\_\_ - **James 5:16a** - “*Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed.*”

- Therefore – In light of the need for prayer
- Confession of sins to one another - Lit. “To say the same”
- Intercession, because of sins, for another
- Purpose is for the healing of the sick soul

How \_\_\_\_\_ are our prayers? - **James 5:16b-c**

1. Their \_\_\_\_\_ - **James 5:16b** “*The prayer of a righteous person has great power ...*”

- Prayer = an entreaty or request for someone else
- Great power = energized continually
- Righteous man = someone that is right w/God

2. Their \_\_\_\_\_ - **James 5:16c** - “*...as it is working*

- Working = “to continually be a force that causes results”
- Much = a lot

Who is our \_\_\_\_\_ in Prayer? - **James 5:17-18**

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Elijah - **James 5:17a** - “*Elijah was a man with a nature like ours...*”

2. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Elijah - **James 5:17b -18** - “*...and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and heaven gave rain, and the earth bore its fruit.*”

- Prayed with prayer = shows intensity

## Conclusion of James – ***James 5:19-20***

The \_\_\_\_\_ - ***James 5:19*** - *My brothers, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and someone brings him back...*

1. The audience – “*Brothers*”
2. The wayward – “*If anyone among you wanders from the truth*”
3. The restorer – “*And someone brings him back...*”

The \_\_\_\_\_ - ***James 5:20*** - *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.*

1. The admonition – “*Let him know ...*”
2. The activity – “*that whoever brings back a sinner from his wanderings...*”
3. The assurance
  - a. Negatively – “*Will save his soul from death*”
  - b. Positively – “*and will cover a multitude of sins*”

Today's Takeaways

# FAITH THAT WORKS

Study of the Book of James

**“Faith that Works with reference  
to Every Situation”- James 5:13-20**

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