

other and praying for one another?

Reflection Questions: Do I pray regularly for those who are struggling and suffering? When things go well is my default setting to praise God? Do I pray regularly for the elders God has placed over me? What have I neglected to confess to others that I should confess to them?

How can we pray for others and our church this week?

Quotes to Ponder

There is no time in which God does not invite us to Himself.

John Calvin

Our whole life should be so angled towards God that whatever strikes upon us, whether sorrow or joy, should be deflected upwards at once into His presence.

To pray to Him is to acknowledge His sovereign power to meet our needs, and to praise is to acknowledge His sovereign power in appointing our circumstances. Whether as the source of supply in need, or the source of the gladness of our joy, God is our sufficiency

Alec Motyer

The one urge which should never be resisted is the urge to pray.

Martyn Lloyd-Jones

A strong commitment to prayer is a prerequisite to enduring suffering and affliction.

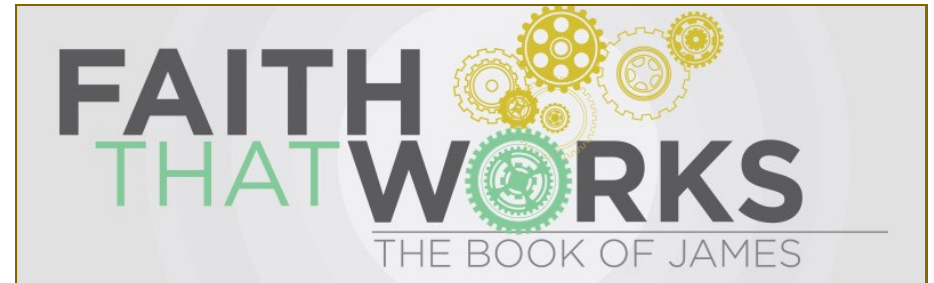
John MacArthur

I have learned my feelings and God's healing may have no connection. The efficacy of a prayer lies in the grace and power of God, not the goodness and merit of the petitioner. The prayers of the righteous have power, yet God gives us that righteousness by faith and by the Holy Spirit.

Daniel M. Doriani

Whenever we come anywhere close to claiming we can declare what God must do in response to our prayers, we compromise His sovereignty and risk lapsing into idolatry.

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#26 We Must Pray (5:13-16)

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Notes

1. What in the text/sermon impacted you most? Encouraged you? Convicted you? Challenged you? Confused you?
2. Do you pray more when you are suffering or when things are going well? Why?
3. What kinds of situations in *James 5:13-14* call for prayer?
4. When we encounter difficulties, is prayer our first response? Why or why not?
5. How can prayer make a difference in the life of a struggling Christian?
6. Read *James 5:14-15*. Are the prayers of the elders different from those of other believers? Explain.
7. Why are the elders to anoint the sick person with oil (*James 5:14*)?
8. What does the phrase *in the name of the Lord* mean in *James 5:14*?
9. What is *the prayer offered in faith* (*James 5:15*) refer to (cf. *Hebrews 11:6; James 1:6-8; 4:3*)? Is there anything special or different about this prayer than others?
10. Read *James 5:15*. Does James guarantee when elders pray for the sick they will be healed? Is this seen in the New Testament? In your experience? Explain.

11. How do the following verses help us to understand what James tells us in *James 5:14-15*?
John 14:13-14 — *John 16:23* —

John 15:7, 16 — *1 John 5:14-15* —
12. What are we to make of the many times where the ministry of the elders has been faithfully carried out, believingly applied, and no healing has followed? Does this mean there was a failure of faith? Explain.
13. Is it a compromise of faith to pray, *Your will be done*? Why or why not?
14. Why does James connect healing and forgiveness or sickness and sin (*James 5:15*)?
15. What do the following verses teach about forgiveness of sins?
Psalms 32:5 — *James 5:15* —

Proverbs 28:13 — *1 John 1:9* —
16. When *James 5:16* tells us to *confess our sins to one another*, are there any limits or should every sin be confessed to everyone? Explain.

How can we know which sins (if any) to confess *to one another*?
17. In *James 5:16*, what is the connection between confessing to one an-