



James 5:13-20 Signing Off [Part 2]

A. When and Why Should I Pray? [5:13-18]

[1] Responding to the seasons of life [13-14]

Lean In

[2] The Impact of Prayer [15-18]

[a] Prayer of Faith → Restoration

Saves, Lifts, and Redeems

[b] Prayer of the Righteous → Encouragement

Powerful as it is working

[c] Illustration: Elijah [I Kings 17:1-6; 18:41-19:8]

B. How do we respond to someone who has fallen away [backslider]? [5:19-20]

Intersection on the road to misery

Study Questions/Prayer

[1] Read James 5:13-14. Do you see your prayers make an impact? Do you pray with and for other people? Why or why not?

[2] Read James 5:19. Do you have someone in your life who has wandered from the truth? How long has it been since you reached out?

[3] Pray asking God to lead you to a friend who has fallen away and find a way to encourage them.

James 5:13-20 ¹³ Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praise. [Colossians 3:16] 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. ¹⁵ 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. [Isaiah 33:24, Matthew 9:2, Mark 2:5, Luke 5:20] ¹⁶ Therefore, confess your sins to one another [Acts 19:18] and pray for one another, that you may be healed. [Hebrews 12:12-13] The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working.

¹⁷ 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. [I Kings 17:1-16] ¹⁸ Then he prayed again, and heaven gave rain, and the earth bore its fruit. [I Kings 18:1-19:8], spec. 18:42,45]

¹⁹ My brothers, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and someone brings him back, [Galatians 6:1; Romans 15:1] 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. [I Peter 4:8; Psalm 32:1; Proverbs 10:12, Daniel 12:3]

Colossians 3:16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.

Isaiah 33:24 And no inhabitant will say, "I am sick"; the people who dwell there will be forgiven their iniquity. [No blessing is greater, none more urgently needed than forgiveness - EBC]

Matthew 9:2, Mark 2:5, Luke 5:20 And behold, some people brought to him a paralytic, lying on a bed. And when Jesus saw their faith he said to the paralytic, "Take heart, my son; your sins are forgiven."

Acts 19:18 . . . many of those who were now believers came, confessing and divulging their practices.

Hebrews 12:12-13 Therefore lift your drooping hands and strengthen your weak knees, ¹³ and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be put out of joint but rather be healed. [healing from spiritual paralysis]

Galatians 6:1a Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness.

Romans 15:1 We who are strong have an obligation to bear with *those who are weak*, . . .

I Peter 4:8 Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins.

Psalm 32:1 Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

Proverbs 10:12 Hatred stirs up strife, but love covers all offenses.

Daniel 12:3 And those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky above; and those who turn many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.