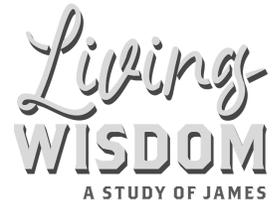


JAMES 5:13-20

November 16-17, 2022



1. Prayer is talking and listening to God. How has prayer been important in your life?
2. Read James 5:13. What is prescribed for those who are suffering?

Read Psalm 13 as an example of prayer during a trial. Describe how the Psalmist feels and what he knows to be true about God's character.

How has prayer been beneficial during seasons of suffering in your life?

How can prayer be difficult during seasons of suffering, and how can we overcome those challenges?

Suffering is a theme in James. What wisdom have you learned about suffering from James 1:2-6 and 5:7-11?

3. Read James 5:13 again. What is advised for those who are cheerful?

Read Psalm 100 as an example of praise. Describe how the Psalmist feels and what he knows to be true of God's character.

Why do you think it is important to praise God when we are cheerful?

4. Read James 5:14-15. Describe the people in these verses and what each person does.

The sick person:

The elders:

The Lord:

5. Read James 5:16. What are Believers commanded to do?

How has sharing your sins and temptations with other Christians, and praying for each other, brought relief and wholeness to your life?

6. Read James 5:16b-18. Read also 1 Kings 16:29-31, 1 Kings 17:1-7 and 1 Kings 18:1-2, 41-45. God brought judgment on the nation of Israel due to their idolatry. Describe what you learn about that situation and Elijah's role.

How does James describe Elijah in James 5:17 and what do you think that means?

Elijah's prayers are powerful because he is praying to a powerful God! How does Elijah's example encourage, convict, or motivate you?

7. Read James 5:19-20. Describe the two people mentioned in these verses.

What is the result of the faithful Believer's action?

How has your walk with the Lord benefited from others who lovingly offered you constructive criticism or rebuke?

Why do we sometimes shy away from offering or receiving loving rebuke?

8. James 5:14-20 involves being in community with other Christians. Can you share a time when God has used another Believer's actions or prayers to influence your life?

Is God calling you to influence or pray for other Believers this week? What steps do you need to take to obey His direction?

9. Reread James 5:13-20. List all the circumstances in which prayer is mentioned.

How would you like to grow in your personal prayer life?

How would you like to grow in your prayers for other people?

10. What is a meaningful verse or piece of living wisdom that you have learned through our study of James?

11. The goal of our study of James was for us to live out our faith skillfully as we call on God for wisdom. How have you grown this semester in your commitment to call on God for wisdom?

How have you been challenged by James to live out your faith wisely?

12. Write out a personal prayer request in one or two sentences to share with your small group.

PRAY

James 5:13-20

Pray and praise God constantly as you walk with Him.

5:13

Our friendship with God is the foundational, ever-present relationship in our lives.

In seasons of trouble and difficulty, talk and listen to God.

When you experience joy, peace of mind, and courage, praise and sing to God.

Pray with and for each other in our struggles and temptations.

5:14-18

Our relationship with God calls us into a mutual, prayerful relationship with other Believers.

Elders care for the sick by asking God to heal and then trust God's sovereign hand.

Motivated by God's grace and a longing for holiness, we confess our sins to each other.

Believing in the great power of a righteous person's prayer, we pray for each other.

Like Elijah we persistently pray in line with God's Word and faith in God's power.

Prayerfully look out for each other.

5:19-20

Our relationships with God and others call us to help each other stay committed to the truth.

We watch out for each other, knowing the power of deception and the difficulty of life.

We demonstrate the courage, kindness, and wisdom to bring back a wanderer.

We put ourselves in relationships with others who will keep us walking in the truth.

Key Reminders From James

- Walk constantly with your _____ God as you talk and listen to Him.
- View trials, the world's temptations, and your own deceitful heart as opportunities to _____.
- Depend on God's Word, God's _____, and other Christians to help you mature.
- Glorify God and care for others as you skillfully _____ your faith.

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ACTS 27:22 Yet now I urge you to take heart, for there will be no loss of life among you, but only of the ship.

ACTS 27:25 So take heart, men, for I have faith in God that it will be exactly as I have been told.

1 CORINTHIANS 12:12 For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ.

1 CORINTHIANS 12:25-27 ...that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together. Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.

ECCLESIASTES 4:9-12 Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their toil. For if they fall, one will lift up his fellow. But woe to him who is alone when he falls and has not another to lift him up! Again, if two lie together, they keep warm, but how can one keep warm alone? And though a man might prevail against one who is alone, two will withstand him—a threefold cord is not quickly broken.

PSALM 32:3-4 For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.

1 KINGS 18:1 After many days the word of the LORD came to Elijah, in the third year, saying, "Go, show yourself to Ahab, and I will send rain upon the earth."

ROMANS 2:4 Or do you presume on the riches of his kindness and forbearance and patience, not knowing that God's kindness is meant to lead you to repentance?