

Above All, Pray!

James 5:13-20

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Introduction

In the last part of the book of James, James stresses the weight and magnitude of prayer for every believer. He uses the word “*Prayer*” 7 times in this section, signifying its importance.

Discussion Questions

1. How would you define prayer? What is it?
2. James 5:13-14 gives us a menu. What are we supposed to do when different situation occurs? What course of action is recommended for each one?
3. Why is it important to get the church leaders involved in prayer for a sick person?
4. Is verse 15 telling us that every physical illness has a spiritual cause? What’s the connection between sickness and sin?
5. Why do you think “confessing your sins to each other” is so important for healing and answered prayers?
6. How do the last two verses of James connect to the rest of this chapter?

Conclusion

Do you know anyone who is wandering from the faith? What can you do to reach out to this person? Pray a lot before you do anything. Listen for God’s direction. And remember all of James’s cautions about the tongue. Don’t spew harsh judgment, but express your love and concern.