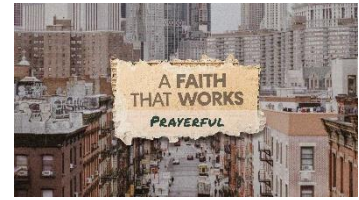


## James: A Faith that Works

# Prayerful

James 5:13-20

Pastor Chris Lenhart - 12/1/24



### Opening Thought Questions:

What is our faithful response to facing the trials, tests, and temptations of daily life?

### Patient Prayer (13-16)

Prayer reminds us of essential truths related to the common Christian life...

1. God is \_\_\_\_\_ us and \_\_\_\_\_ in our lives.
2. God \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
3. God gifts us with the Christian \_\_\_\_\_ to share in our seasons.
4. God is able to \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_.

How God uses prayer within the congregation...

1. To \_\_\_\_\_ of the overall state of our congregation. Who is suffering, rejoicing, sick, or wandering?
2. To \_\_\_\_\_ to draw hope and comfort from. (God, one another)

Takeaways from Susan's personal testimony....

### Persistent Prayer (17-18)

Considerations from Elijah's faithful witness:

Spiritual Formation Activity: Read and reflect on 1 Kings 17-18

### Redemptive Redirection (19-20)

James: A Faith that works is...

1:1-11 Joyful 12-18 Enduring 19-27 Alive

2:1-13 14-26

3:1-12 13-18

4:1-10 11-17

5:1-6 Generous 7-12 Patient 13-20 Prayerful

### Next Week: The Perfect Gift: Waiting (Psalm 2)

### Further Study

Matthew 5-7

James 1:5  
Phil. 1:3-4

1 Kings 17-18  
1 Kgs. 18:36-37

Gal. 6:1-10

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<p style="text-align: center;">James: A Faith that Works</p> <h2 style="text-align: center;">Prayerful</h2> <p style="text-align: center;">Next Steps: Home-Group Study and/or Personal Discipleship Guide</p>	<p>James 5:13-20</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Get together as a family or with a friend or group of friends this week!</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Start with <u>Prayer</u> -ask Jesus to guide our time together. Go over prayer requests together.</p> <p><b><u>Read the Text</u></b> – James 5:13-20</p> <p><b><u>Questions for Reflection &amp; Discussion:</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What are the conditions and seasons that James identifies as opportunities to pray (13-14)? How does James suggest that prayer raises awareness in the congregation of others who are in need? (13-16)</li> <li>2. In what ways does prayer help those who are a part of the church stay humble and practice dependence on the Lord and one another? How does prayer invite vulnerability and openness in the Christian community? (13-16)</li> <li>3. Share with your group or write in your journal about one of your own experiences with the power and effectiveness of prayer.</li> <li>4. Reflect on Elijah’s narrative from 1 Kings 17-18. How did Elijah demonstrate fervent prayer in these two chapters? In what ways does James intend for Elijah’s example to be an encouragement to us?</li> <li>5. Verses 19-20 conclude this chapter and are the parting words of his entire letter. How are these words connected and relevant to both the near (chapter 5) and broad (chapters 1-4) context of James?</li> </ol> <p><b><u>Questions guiding Spiritual Formation &amp; Application:</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. How does this text invite us to grow in a greater love for God?</li> <li>2. What lessons within this text move us towards growing in our love for one another?</li> <li>3. What principles could be applied to our family life, careers, communities, or congregational life?</li> <li>4. Consider how Jesus could use our application of the principles in this text to draw those that do not know him, unto himself?</li> <li>5. Who is currently in our lives that needs an invitation to meet Jesus or be part of a kind and gracious Christian community?</li> </ol>	<p><b><u>Further Study</u></b></p> <p>Matthew 5-7 James 1:5 Phil. 1:3-4 1 Kings 17-18 1 Kgs. 18:36-37 Gal. 6:1-10</p> <p><b><u>Prayer Requests</u></b></p> <p>Family</p> <p>Church</p> <p>Community</p> <p>Career/Friends</p> <p>Other</p>