

First Baptist Church – Odessa

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Date: _____

“Prayer as God Intended”

21 Days of Prayer and Fasting – Pt. 1

James 5:16-18 & Selected

Prayer as God Intended...

I. Begins with true _____.

“Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed.” Vs. 16a

- Confession is an act of determined _____.
- Confession and true _____ are inseparable.
- Confession is a necessary ingredient for _____.
- Confession that honors God _____ and never divides.

II. Includes prayer for _____ in the family of God.

“...and pray for one another, that you may be healed.” Vs. 16b

*“A confessing and a praying church is packed with
_____ power!”* R. Kent Hughes

III. Is remarkably _____!

“The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working.”

Vs. 16b

“The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results.” Vs. 16b NLT

Prayer with Power...

- Is _____ to all true believers in Jesus Christ!

"Elijah was a man with a nature like ours." Vs. 17a

- Is _____ by God to display His power and glory!

"He prayed fervently that it might not rain." Vs. 17b

"Now Elijah the Tishbite, of Tishbe in Gilead, said to Ahab, 'As the LORD, the God of Israel, lives, before whom I stand, there shall be neither dew nor rain these years, except by my word.'"

1 Kings 17:1

- Has a divine _____ God desires fulfilled!

"...and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth."

Vs. 17c

"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.'" 1 Kings 18:1

- Requires unrelenting _____ and faith!

"Then he prayed again..." Vs. 18a

"So Ahab went up to eat and drink. And Elijah went up to the top of Mount Carmel. And he bowed himself down on the earth and put his face between his knees. And he said to his servant, 'Go up now, look toward the sea.' And he went up and looked and said, 'There is nothing.' And he said, 'Go again,' seven times. And at the seventh time he said, 'Behold, a little cloud like a man's hand is rising from the sea.' And he said, 'Go up, say to Ahab, 'Prepare your chariot and go down, lest the rain stop you.'"

1 Kings 18:42-44

- Accomplishes effective and _____ results!

"...and heaven gave rain, and the earth bore fruit." Vs. 18b

"And in a little while the heavens grew black with clouds and wind, and there was a great rain." 1 Kings 18:42-45a