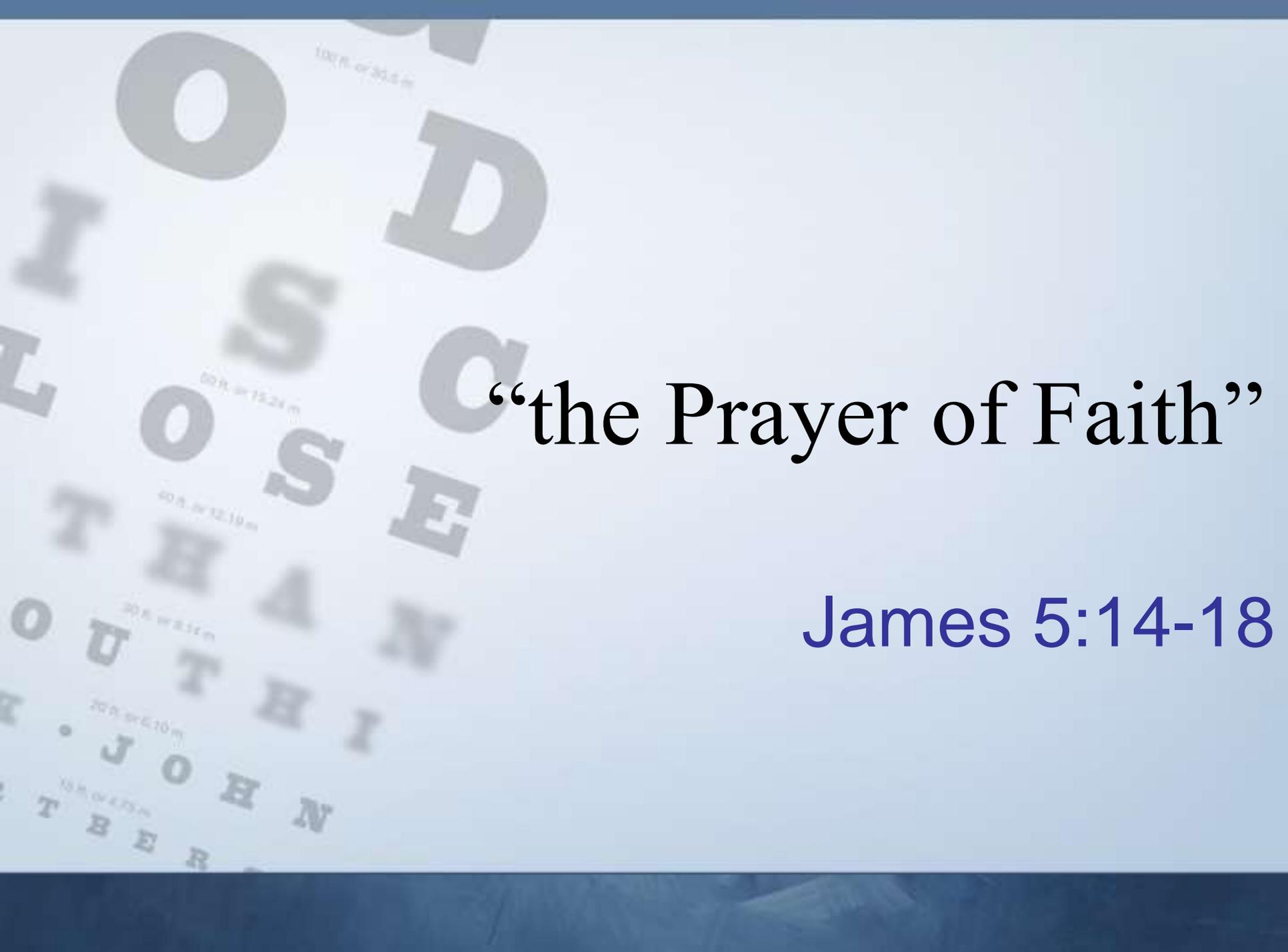


# Blue Jean Christianity

Study in the Book of James

# Theme running through James

- The Practical outworking of our Faith
- Where Faith meets Life
- In addition to instruction; a call to understand God's purposes in the Affliction, Calamity, Trials, Temptation, Persecution we encounter in Life.
- A call to Patiently Endure and Persevere (Jas.1:3-4, 12) Continuing in 5:7-11
- A CALL TO PRAYER (5:13)



# “the Prayer of Faith”

James 5:14-18

# Understanding Prayer

- Prayer is the give and take of an intimate relationship with God our Father
- Talking to the Lord; listening to Him, sensing His presence, perceiving His prompting
- Expressing our Love, Trust (faith), Dependence, Thanks, Hopes, Hurts, Fears, Questions
  - Response to realities of life; broken relationships, financial difficulties, work issues, discouragement
- Receiving guidance, assurance, peace, wisdom, strength, power (divine enablement), deeper relationship & revelation of Him

# Privilege of Prayer

God desires, invites, commands us to pray  
(James 5:13)

- “Continue earnestly in prayer” (Col.4:2)
- “Men ought always to pray, not lose heart” (Lk.18:1)
- “Pray without ceasing” (1Thes.5:17)
- “I want men to pray everywhere, for all” (1Tim.2:1,8)
- “Come boldly to the throne” To find help (Heb.4:16)
- We can even do without food or sleep at times, to pray with greater focus and purpose (Mtt.6:16)

# A Believer's Right and Responsibility (5:14)

- Let the one who is sick, (“asthaneō”-weak, sick, feeble) call for the Elders of the Church
  - The Elders can't be always know when someone is sick
  - The Elders can't know the heart of the one who is sick
  - The Elders should always teach, instruct believers about their right to be prayed for
- Let the Elders (plural), pray over
- “having anointed with oil” (not speaking of healing oils .. essential oils, etc.) pic of Holy Spirit (Ex.29:7)
- In Lord's Name; authority, entrance, power

# The “Prayer of Faith”(5:15)

- Faith is not power, but recognition of our lack
  - Prayer of humility, admission of humble dependence
  - Calling on the Lord . . . the only One who can heal
- The Lord will restore the sick(“kamnonta”-exhausted, weary one)
  - Not a guarantee to remove the disease, but frees God to
- The Lord will raise them up
- Any possible sin, will be forgiven
  - There is a sickness from ongoing unbroken sin; but not all sickness is because of that
  - i.e. the Man born blind

# Acknowledge your Faults (5:16)

- Word for sin-“Hamartias” (v.15; 1Jn.1:9); word here “paraptoma”- side-slip, lapse, deviation, unintentional error.
- Pray for One-another
  - To be strengthened-to stand, healed, encouraged, set right
- Example of Elijah v.17-18 (1Kings 18-19)
  - He was like us

# Pray- Getting Started

- A** – Adoration of God the Father and Jesus the Son; in and by the Holy Spirit
- C** – Confession of known sin, and those things God reveals are displeasing to Him
- T** – Thanksgiving for all things God has given and allowed for His purposes
- S** – Supplication; making your request, petition, heart-cry, appeal, intercession