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Impossible Prayer #4 – Believing Prayer Works

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James 5:13-20

1. Week #1 – Prayer resources:
 - a. <https://pages.faithgateway.com/prayer-challenge-before-amen/>
 - b. Daily Prayers from Shiloh Prayer Team – sign up now!
 - c. <https://utmost.org>
 - d. <https://store.upperroom.org/subscribe-to-the-upper-room>
 - e. Lectio 365 – Apple Store or Google Play.
 - f. <https://prayingincolor.com>
2. Week #2 – Snacking on Prayer – Luke 11:1-13
 - a. The Lord's Prayer – a feast of prayer!
 - b. 8:18 Breakthrough Prayer. Pray every day at 8:18 for God to break through at Shiloh UMC!
3. Week #3 – Prayer Search Engine
 - a. Through Prayer, we ask, listen, and submit to God.
 - b. Prayer keeps the focus on God and others.
4. Week #4 – Believing Prayer Works
 - a. Does prayer make a difference in your life?
 - b. What does prayer do to our brains?
 - i. Dr. Andrew Newberg believes it changes our brains.
 - ii. Not a substitute for medicine, but a partner that can enhance healing.
 - c. Prayer is Powerful and Effective – James 5:14-15
 - i. Prayer shifts the focus:
 1. From us to God.
 2. From us to the world around us

d. The Serenity Prayer

- i. God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference.
- ii. James 5:16
- iii. Confession, forgiveness, and focus on others leads to healing.

e. Prayer changes US!

- i. Even when we are not cured, we are healed!
- ii. Gives us the serenity we need.

