

Where's the Faith? The Power of Prayer

Discussion Questions:

Why do you think "turn to God" is rarely our first natural inclination?

Answer the following questions honestly:

- When you are in trouble, who or what do you naturally turn to first? (ie: friends, TV, food, music, God, YouTube)
- When you are happy, who or what do you naturally turn to first?
- When you are sick, who or what do you naturally turn to first?
- When you are fighting sin and temptation, who or what do you naturally turn to first?
- When you see another believer making poor choices, what is your first inclination? (Stay out of it, judge, confront, "love and accept them unconditionally", talk about it with other Christian friends, etc.)

What practical ideas (ie: a strategically placed sticky note, an alarm on your phone, etc) could you experiment with that might help you to "turn to God" first?

What is the benefit, if any, to sharing our struggles and sin with each other?

Does it encourage you or discourage you to read that Elijah is a human just like us? Why?

On a scale of 1-10 (1 = very uncomfortable, 10 = very comfortable), how comfortable are you with asking for prayer for healing? What about asking for anointing of oil? How comfortable are you with being asked to pray for healing? Do you think there is any rhyme or reason for who experiences and healing and who doesn't? If yes, what is it? If not, why not?

If you had a close Christian friend who was diagnosed with a terminal disease and they told you they were not going to seek medical treatment or intervention because they believe James 5:14 and they were going to have the elders anoint them and pray, because the verse says they *will* be healed, what would you think? How would you respond to them?