

JESUS IN ALL | JAMES – Jesus: Our Healer

Sunday, November 1, 2025

MAIN TEXT & PRAY – Stand & read

***2** James 5:16 CSB – *Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is very powerful in its effect.*

INTRODUCTION:

James, the half-brother of Jesus and leader of the Jerusalem church, wrote to scattered Jewish believers around AD 45–49, one of the earliest New Testament writings. These believers faced persecution, poverty, and division, yet James calls them to a faith that works—a faith that acts, endures, and heals.

Key Themes of James Expanded

1. **Faith in Action** – Real faith produces real works (James 2:17).
2. **Endurance through Trials** – Perseverance perfects faith (James 1:2–4).
3. **Control of Speech** – The tongue reflects the heart (James 3:5–10).
4. **Humility and Submission to God** – Grace flows to the humble (James 4:6–7).
5. **Prayer and Healing in Community** – Confession and intercession bring restoration (James 5:13–18).

EVERYTHING HAPPENS WHEN WE GIVE OUR HEART TO THE LORD.

In James 5:16, healing is not merely physical recovery; it is wholeness (shalom)—restoration of body, soul, and spirit through Christ. At Real Life Church, Jesus Christ the Healer is one of our four cornerstone truths: *Jesus saves, Jesus baptizes in the Holy Spirit, Jesus heals, and Jesus is the soon-coming King*. Just as James calls believers to pray for one another, Jesus still stretches out His hand to heal. The same Christ who touched lepers, opened blind eyes, and raised the dead now restores broken lives through the power of His cross and resurrection.

***3** 1. THE CROSS IS THE SOURCE OF ALL HEALING

Greek Word Focus:

- *Energeō* (ἐνεργέω) – “to be effective, to work with power.” Used in James 5:16: “The prayer of a righteous person is *energeō*—energized, powerful, active.”
- *Dikaios* (δικαίος) – “righteous.” Through Christ’s righteousness, our prayers gain divine effectiveness.

Hebrew Connection:

- ***4** *Yeshua* (יֵשׁוּעַ) – “salvation, deliverance, victory.” The root of the name Yeshua (Jesus). Healing and salvation are one complete act.

Scriptural Parallels:

- Isaiah 61:1 – “He has sent Me to bind up the brokenhearted.”
- Luke 4:18 – Jesus declares this prophecy fulfilled in Himself.
- Mark 16:17–18 – “Believers will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover.”

Theological Insight:

The cross reconciles humanity to God, breaking the curse of sin, sickness, and death. ***5** Healing is a finished work—secured by the stripes of Christ, applied by faith through prayer.

Historical Context:

During James’s ministry, persecution scattered the church, yet healing miracles affirmed that Christ’s presence remained with His people. James’s epistle is a call to remember that the same Jesus who died and rose again still heals through the prayer of faith. Every scar on Jesus’ body is a receipt of your redemption.

APPLICATION:

Approach the throne of grace boldly. ***6** Healing flows not from merit but from mercy. The Healer lives within you—extend His touch to others. The empty tomb guarantees your full restoration.

WE NEED TO CHAPT!!

***7** 2. JESUS HEALS THE WHOLE PERSON

Greek Word Focus:

- *laomai* (ἰάομαι) – “to heal, restore, make whole.” Used for both physical and spiritual healing (Luke 9:2; 1 Peter 2:24).

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- Sozō (σῶζω) – “to save, deliver, make whole.” The same word is used for salvation and healing (Mark 5:34).

Hebrew Parallels:

- *Rapha* (רָפָא) – “to heal, to mend.” God reveals Himself as *Yahweh Rapha*—“the Lord who heals you” (Exodus 15:26).

Scriptural Parallels:

- Isaiah 53:5 – “By His wounds we are healed.” The Healer of your wounds is also the Redeemer of your story.
- Matthew 8:17 – “He Himself took our weaknesses and carried our diseases.”
- 1 Peter 2:24 – “By His wounds you have been healed.”

Theological Insight:

Jesus’ healing ministry was holistic—He restored physical health, forgave sin, and reinstated people into community. *8

* Healing is the manifestation of the Kingdom of God breaking into a broken world. The blood of Jesus speaks louder than your diagnosis. *SOMETIMES WE MASK OUR OPINIONS AS “WISDOM.”*

Historical Context:

**BREAK FORTH INTO BREAK THROUGH.*
In first-century Judea, sickness was often tied to sin and social isolation. James 5:16 redefines community healing—confession and prayer bring both spiritual and physical restoration through the authority of Jesus.

APPLICATION:

At RLC, the Church I See:

- is filled with people who are broken yet being healed, those who are lost and who are being found—it’s a place of active restoration (Mk 2:17; Jn 16:8-11; Rom 6:11)
- is a place of healing – physical, spiritual, mental, emotional (Psalm 103:1-5)

*9 Healing begins when we bring our brokenness into the light. Confession removes barriers; prayer opens heaven’s flow of mercy.

*10 3. HEALING FLOWS THROUGH CONFESSION AND COMMUNITY

Greek Word Focus:

- *Exomologeō* (ἐξομολογέω) – “to confess openly and fully.” It signifies honest agreement with God about our condition.
- *Proseuchē* (προσευχή) – “prayer, worshipful petition.” Involves intimate communion with God that releases power. *INTIMACY REQUIRES REQUIRES TRUTH & PA*

Scriptural Parallels:

- Proverbs 28:13 – “The one who conceals his sins will not prosper, but whoever confesses and renounces them will find mercy.” What you hide can’t be healed; what you reveal, Jesus restores. *THE EXTRA ACTIVITIES AREN’T EXTRA—IT’S THE OTHER SIDE OF FELLOWSHIP*
- 1 John 1:9 – “If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive.” Confession is the key that unlocks the prison of shame.
- Acts 2:42 – The early church devoted themselves to prayer and fellowship—community healing in action.

The Foursquare Connection:

In the Foursquare Church, Jesus our Healer is not only the source of divine miracles but also the restorer of relationships and unity in the Body. Healing power flows where humility, honesty, and faith abide.

Historical Insight:

Early Jewish-Christian believers met in homes, shared meals, and practiced mutual confession. This created a spiritual culture where physical and emotional healing were expected signs of Christ’s presence.

APPLICATION: *THE SIGN OF CURRENTED IS OBEDIENCE.*

Isolation breeds infection; community brings correction and healing. Healing prayer is not a spectator event—it’s the ministry of every believer empowered by Christ. *11 Healing happens in the light of honest community.

**A CORDINARY CHRISTIAN IS ONE STEP CLOSER TO BEING A DEAD CHRISTIAN.*

CONCLUSION:

Healing is not an ancient rumor—it’s the heartbeat of the resurrected Christ. James 5:16 calls us to pray bold prayers, confess freely, and believe courageously. The Healer walks among His people still.

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In the Foursquare Gospel, we proclaim:

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever (Hebrews 13:8).

He saves the sinner, fills the believer, heals the sick, and soon returns as King. ***12** Let the church once again become a house of healing—where confession flows, prayer rises, and the presence of the Healer is known.

PRAY/ALTAR INVITATION:

1. **Confess** where you need healing—spiritual, emotional, physical.
2. **Pray** with faith, knowing the Healer lives within you.
3. **Believe** that healing is part of Christ's completed work.
4. **Act**—lay hands, intercede, and proclaim healing over others.

"Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, so that you may be healed."

BENEDICTION