

We Are Family!

1. **James 5:13-20** 'Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praise. Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working. Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and heaven gave rain, and the earth bore its fruit. My brothers, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and someone brings him back, let him know that whoever brings back a sinner from his wandering will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.'

2. We Must Remember – We Are The Church!

Jesus said in **Matthew 16:18-19** "And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."

3. As the Family of God, we are:

- Called to be the force that advances the kingdom of God. – **Matthew 11:12**
- Called to rescue those who are being taken away to death; hold back those who are stumbling *to the slaughter*. – **Proverbs 24:11**
- Called to bear each other's burdens. – **Galatians 6:2**

4. As a Part of the Family of God –

- James 5:13-14 - I am Cared for.
- James 5:15 - I am Strengthened.
- James 5:16 - I am Disciplined.
- James 5:19 - I am Loved.

5. 3 Personal Truths:

- I need people in my life.
- I am designed for community
- I am created for family

"Who we are and why we are here can only be discovered in community with others." ~ Pastor Michael Fletcher



My Notes

What actions could you take? (List 2-3 Actions)

To get involved or more involved in this family?

To get other people more involved?

Out of the action steps you listed which one will you work on first?

When will you accomplish this by? (Put a specific date)

What accountability measures will you put in place to ensure you accomplish the action?