

James 5:13-18 – The Power of Righteous Praying Part 2

- Why is it comforting that God will always answer our prayers in the way that is best even when it isn't what we wanted?

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THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN PRAYER AND RESTORATION (vv. 14-15)

- This is the most _____ part of this passage.
- Remember, what type of suffering is described:
 - This is _____ not physical illness.
- v. 14 “sick” → Greek is *astheneō*.
 - This word can be used for physical illness (18x in the NT) or _____ weakness (14x in the NT).
 - Romans 4:19, 8:3, 14:1 each use it to mean spiritual weakness.
 - READ 2 Corinthians 12:10
- This spiritual weakness is really spiritual _____ through warfare.
 - What happens to us when we are in this state?

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 - How can we or others be helped?

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- v. 14 “elders”
 - When we are feeling spiritually defeated, we need to rely on the spiritually _____.
 - READ Galatians 6:1
- v. 14 “anointing with oil” → Greek is *aleiphō*.
 - Context: the idea of anointing with oil is to _____ or strengthen the weak.
 - READ Psalm 23:5 – Spiritual _____ is in mind.
- v. 14 “in the name of the Lord”
 - This means to encourage/restore/intercede how _____ would.

- v. 15 “sick” → Greek is *kamnō*. “restore” → Greek is *sozō*.
 - *Kamnō* refers to not growing _____ or losing heart.
 - *Sozō* is most often translated as _____. (93x in NT)
 - The idea is that the prayers of the _____ man will encourage and lift up the spiritually weak.
- v. 15 “sins”
 - Spiritual defeat is often the cause and result of _____.
 - The antidote? Confess, repent, and seek _____ from God and others.
 - A godly elder will call on the spiritually defeated to confess, repent, and ask for forgiveness.
 - They can also help discern the sins through biblical _____.
 - If the spiritually defeated will not do this step, they cannot be _____.

THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN PRAYER AND FELLOWSHIP (v. 16a)

- Why do you think praying together with the people of God is important?
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- Sin is most dangerous to an _____ believer.
- This type of relationship with other believers will help lead the spiritually defeated to _____ over sin.
- “healed” → Greek is *iaomai*.
 - This is not _____ healing. (Matthew 13:15; Hebrews 12:12-13)
 - READ 1 Peter 2:24
 - This makes the _____ believer spiritually whole.

THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN PRAYER AND POWER (vv. 16b-18)

- “effective”
 - _____ prayers come from _____ believers.
 - This helps to restore the weak believers!
- Elijah’s prayers
 - This is imagery of God’s _____ raining down on the dry, parched souls of struggling believers.

