JAMES: PRACTICAL DAILY FAITH

Part 12 — Effectually Fervent?

James 5:13–20 | Pastor Larry Hof

KEY TRUTH: Prayer, faith, and discipleship are not merely things we profess; they are to be lived out for the glory of God.

I. Use What God Has Given You | James 5:13

- Use the situations God takes you through: pray in affliction and sing psalms in joy.
- Use the talents and spiritual gifts God gives you in service to Him and others (1 Corinthians 12; 14).

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II. Effectual, Fervent Prayer | James 5:14–16

- Prayer works! The prayer of faith calls us to trust the Lord.
- Do not regard iniquity in your heart (Psalm 66:18).
- Draw near to God and hear His Word (Proverbs 28:9).
- Be at peace with one another; restore the fallen in meekness and bear their burdens (Galatians 6:1–2).

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III. Elijah: An Example of Prayer | James 5:17–18

- Elijah was a man of like passions as we are, yet he prayed earnestly.
- The people God used in Scripture were human; if God could use them, He can use us.

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IV. Restore and Disciple One Another | James 5:19–20

- Love your neighbor through a separated life: from the world, from your own will, wants, and ways, and unto Christ.
- Making disciples means more than leading someone to salvation; continue leading them toward Christ (Matthew 28:19–20; John 15:8).
- Correction is not the end of restoration. We cannot briefly enter a struggling person's life and avoid the ongoing work of bearing burdens (Galatians 6:2).

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THE CONCLUSION OF JAMES
We have been instructed. We will be held accountable.
We CAN and SHOULD live life to the fullest for the glory of God!