

The Power of Godly Prayer

Series: A Growing Faith – A Study of James
– James 5:13-18 –

1. Who?

"Is anyone in trouble? He should pray. Is anyone happy? Let him sing songs of praise. Is any one of you sick? He should call the elders of the church to pray over him and anoint him with oil i the name of the Lord. And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise him up. If he has sinned, he will be forgiven." (vss. 13-15)

2. What?

"Therefore, confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you be healed." (vs. 16a)

3. How?

"Elijah was a man just like us. He prayed earnestly that it would not rain, and it did not rain on the land for three and a half years. Again he prayed, and the heavens gave rain, and the earth produced its crops." (vss. 17-18)

4. Why?

"The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective." (vs. 16b)

Application Questions. . .

1. What especially spoke to you in this message?
2. What have you seen happen to people's prayer life when they encountered suffering? What has happened to yours? How can you minister to each other in prayer?
3. How much of a role does singing play in your relationship to God? How are praise and prayer related?
4. Have you ever confessed your sins to another person and received prayer? Why don't we see and practice that more often today?
5. What do we learn from the larger context in James 5:13-18 about how God wants us to pray for the suffering? What is the role of the *community* of faithful disciples in this passage?
6. James tells us that the prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective. How have you seen that be true in your life? Share an example.

