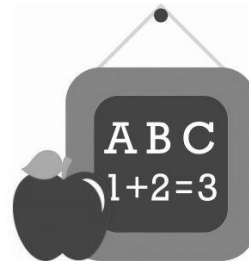


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*Pursuing Life-Change in
James*

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Who Do You Turn To?

James 5:13-18

Prayer Principles:

- ☐ A believer's first response to trouble is _____.
- ☐ A believer's first response to joy is _____.
- ☐ Believers should _____ for one another.
- ☐ Fervent prayer is always _____.

Is This a "Blanket" Promise of Healing? NO!

- ☐ This sickness is a direct result of _____.
- ☐ Every healing is always subject to God's _____.
- ☐ _____ healing through gifted church
_____ was never intended to continue
throughout all _____.

So, what should I do if I'm sick?

- ☐ _____ to God for healing.
- ☐ _____ your heart for _____ sin.
- ☐ _____ with any _____ you find there!
- ☐ Invite _____ people to _____ for you.
- ☐ Have _____ in God's ability to _____ you!
- ☐ _____ yourself to God's _____.



Debrief Plan: 6/8/2025

Icebreakers:

1. If you had to teach a class or give a TED Talk, what would it be about?
2. What is a good habit that you would really like to build in your life?

Sermon Summary: As believers in Jesus, we are called to turn to God in prayer at all times, whether we're experiencing suffering or success. Equally important is our responsibility to pray for one another and help each other with our spiritual and physical concerns.

Discussion Questions:

1. What are the most common places (or people) that suffering people turn to when they're in trouble? Why do you suppose we turn there FIRST?
2. What can we pray for our sick brothers and sisters BESIDES just that they would be healed of their sickness? What else do they need besides healing?
3. Sometimes when we pray for our sick brothers or sisters in Christ, they don't get better physically. How can those prayers be considered EFFECTIVE if they don't lead to the sick person getting healed?
4. What are the advantages of "confessing our sins to one another" as Christians? How could this concept be abused?
5. What character traits do you look for in someone that you ask to pray for you when you're suffering?
6. How can we fight against the cynicism that tells us that our prayers don't really make any difference when it comes to someone's healing?
7. Do you associate any negative emotions or experiences with the idea of surrendering to God's Will? If it's supposed to be good for us, why do we feel negatively about it?