LIVING WHAT WE CLAIM WE BELIEVE

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Part 11 : Power of Prayer

*James 5:13:2 "Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing psalms. ¹⁴Is 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. ¹⁵And the prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. ¹⁶Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. **The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.** ¹⁷Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed earnestly that it would not rain; and it did not rain on the land for three years and six months. ¹⁸And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth produced its fruit. ¹⁹Brethren, if anyone among you wanders from the truth, and someone turns him back, ²⁰let him know that he who turns a sinner from the error of his way will save a soul from death and cover a multitude of sins."*

1. **Prayer for _____** *(James 5:13)*

   Two important truths to remember:
   A. We all face _____ *(James 5:9)*
   B. Prayer may not _____
   Practical Things: In my suffering, pray, I will be content with God's will and not grumble about those who are not in my circumstances.

2. **Prayer for _____** *(James 5:14-15)*

   What is James referring to here?
   A. Where the cause is _____ *(vs 15, 1 Corinthians 11:30)*
   B. Where there is _____ *(vs 16, John 11:26)*
   Practical Things:
   A. God designed us to _____ *(Psalm 32:3)*
   B. Sin affects the _____
   C. There is healing where _____

3. **Prayer for _____** *(James 5:17-18)*

   Practical Things: We also should constantly be praying for our nation, that God would bring conviction and a revival and that "showers of blessing" would come to this land. Pray for your leaders rather than just criticise them.

4. **Prayer for _____** *(James 5:19-20, Galatians 6:1, 1 Peter 4:8, Proverbs 10:12)*

   Practical Things: I must help a brother/sister who is wandering from the truth in love to "cover a multitude of sins." Alternately, I will be thankful to a brother or sister who may confront me in my err.