

better together ~ Part 7

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¹³ Are any of you suffering hardships? You should pray. Are any of you happy? You should sing praises. ¹⁴ Are any of you sick? You should call for the elders of the church to come and pray over you, anointing you with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵ Such a prayer offered in faith will heal the sick, and the Lord will make you well. And if you have committed any sins, you will be forgiven.

¹⁶ Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results.

¹⁷ Elijah was as human as we are, and yet when he prayed earnestly that no rain would fall, none fell for three and a half years! ¹⁸ Then, when he prayed again, the sky sent down rain and the earth began to yield its crops.

¹⁹ My dear brothers and sisters, if someone among you wanders away from the truth and is brought back, ²⁰ you can be sure that whoever brings the sinner back from wandering will save that person from death and bring about the forgiveness of many sins. James 5:13-20 NLT

In Spiritually deep, Healing relationships...

1. We _____ vs. 13

2. We _____ vs. 14-15

3. We _____ vs. 16

4. We _____ vs. 17-20

Journey Group Discussion

Talking through the message during the week helps you turn what God is saying to you into action steps. These talking points, questions, and scriptures are designed to help you take the next step. If you're leading a group through this guide, don't feel like you have to answer every question. Pick out those questions that will stir up conversation and action among your group.

Here's the big truth for this message...

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What is your reaction to that statement? Does that scare you? Explain.

Read James 5:13-20. We looked at four characteristics that spiritually deep, healing relationships have:

1. We trust God enough to pray. (James 5:13)

We said that we need to believe that prayer is real and that it works...

James mentions 2 circumstances in this verse. Talk about how prayer comes into play in each of those circumstances we find ourselves in.

2. We depend on others to pray for us. (James 5:14-15)

What is our responsibility when we find ourselves sick, weak, weary, worn out, or broken down? How can we help someone who comes to us in this season of their life?

3. We confess our sins and faults. (James 5:16)

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:9 (NIV)

Discuss each of the two following statements.

"The revealing of feeling is beginning of healing"

"We're only as sick as our secrets!"

4. We work to restore the broken. (James 5:17-20)

How would it look for you to work to restore a broken friend?

How would it look for a friend to work to restore you in an area of your brokenness?