

HEALING PRAYER

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- *Read James 5:12-5:20.* What are the different individual circumstances and situations in the church that James addresses?
- According to James 5:13-14, what should we do when troubled or suffering? When cheerful or encouraged? When sick? How likely are you to do any of these?
- Why does James link healing and forgiveness (v. 15-16)? What are the connections between our physical health and our spiritual health?
- How does Elijah serve as an example of prayer (review 1 Kings 17-18 if needed)? Why is it important to know that Elijah was “just like us”?
- What does it look like when a fellow Christ-follower wanders from the truth today? According to James, what should we do? What may result?
- When have you prayed for the healing of someone who was sick, or received such prayers yourself? How have these past experiences shaped your faith and the way you pray for healing today?
- What has been your personal experience with confessing your sins to other trusted believers and receiving prayer? What are the risks and benefits of doing this?
- Without giving names or violating confidence, do you know someone who is “wandering from the truth”? What might bring her or him back?
- What is God calling you to do in response to this Scripture? How can your small group or others pray for you about this?

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