



# FAITH AT WORK

A STUDY OF JAMES

JAMES 2:26



*Faith and Prayer*  
James 5:13-20

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- Test #8: How do you handle sickness and sin?
- No formal outline, just a number of questions

# Context of James (1:2-4,12)

- How should we respond to trials?
- Welcome trials with JOY
- Testing of faith produces endurance
- Let endurance have its perfect result
- Blessed is the man who endures

## Context of James (4:6b)

**God is opposed to the proud,  
but gives grace to the humble.**

# Is anyone among you suffering?

- *Bearing up under trouble or evil; enduring in trials* (2 Tim. 4:5)
- Pray! (don't complain, pout, etc.)
  - For wisdom (1:5-8)

Is anyone among you cheerful?

- *To be in good spirits; be of good courage*
- Let him pluck! (stringed instrument)
  - Sing songs of praise (1 Cor. 14:15)*

Is anyone among you sick?

Remember This?

$$A^2 + B^2 = C^2$$



# Is anyone among you sick?

- What does 'sick' mean?
  - V. 14: *weak, without strength*
  - Physically? Spiritually? Mentally?

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- What does 'sick' mean?
  - V. 15: *Weary, exhausted, fatigued*
  - Physically? Spiritually? Mentally?

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- What does 'accomplish much' mean?
  - V. 16: *to be strong, have power, prevail, be in good health*
  - Physically? Spiritually? Mentally?

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- What does 'restore' mean?
  - V. 15: *save, rescue, preserve, set free from, deliver*
  - Physically? Spiritually? Mentally?

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- What does 'healed' mean?
  - V. 16: *heal, cure, restore*
  - Physically? Spiritually?

# Is anyone among you sick?

- Is there anything that can help us?
- Context?
  - Confession / forgiveness of sin (15, 16, 19-20)

# Is anyone among you sick?

- Can sickness be the result of personal sin?
  - Yes – 1 Cor. 11:27-30

# Is anyone among you sick?

- Is sickness *always* the result of personal sin?
  - NO! – John 9:1-5; 2 Sam. 12:15; 1 Kings 14:12-13



# Is anyone among you sick?

- Will all sickness be healed?
  - The prayer offered in faith will save
  - Blank check?
    - 2 Cor. 12:7-9; 2 Tim. 4:20
    - “If the Lord wills...” (4:13-17)

Is anyone among you sick?

- The prayer offered in faith will save
  - Illustration: bribing a judge
  - The Lord will raise him up (*if the Lord wills*)

# Is anyone among you sick?

- If he has committed sins, they will be forgiven him
  - Because he has humbled himself (14) and confessed his sin (4:6-10; 1 John 1:9)

# What about the rest of us?

- Therefore, confess to one another
  - Agree it is sin and admit your guilt
  - You don't have to bear it alone!  
(Gal. 6:1-2)

# What about the rest of us?

- And pray for one another
  - Why? The effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much (Gal. 6:1-2)

# What about the rest of us?

- What if you see someone else in sin?
  - Strays from the truth – turns away from a life consistent with the gospel (1:16-21)
    - The purpose of James' letter!

# What about the rest of us?

- What if you see someone else in sin?
  - Turns him back – loving correction; calling to repentance; prayer
  - Save his soul from death –  
Physical? Spiritual? Eternal?

# What about the rest of us?

- What if you see someone else in sin?
  - Cover a multitude of sins
    - Cover – not ignore but forgive (Ps. 32:1; 85:2)



# So What?

- Do you go to God, whatever your circumstances? (13)
- Is there any sin in your life that is weighing you down?
- Do you know of sin in someone else's life that needs to be addressed?