

# James 5:16-20

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# Review

- Consider Trials a Joy – endured they bring perfection/completion (1:1-4)
- If you lack wisdom ask God in Faith (1:5-8)
- Glory in Humility (1:9-11)
- Persevere Trials/Temptation, cultivating implanted Word into Fruit (1:12-18)
- Grow in Word by *doing* it, marked by (1:19-27):
  - Care Others (2:1-13) – Not faith + negative action
    - Faith & Works (2:14-26) – Not faith & no action
  - Controlled Tongue (3:1-12)
  - Life of Holiness (3:13-5:6)

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    - The need for Wisdom from Above demonstrated by broken relationships (3:13-18)
    - Indwelling Sin and Adultery with World affects relationship with God; therefore Humble yourselves before God (4:1-10)
    - Areas we may need humbling in:
      - Placing ourselves above the law and judging others (4:11-12)
      - Presuming we are in full control of our life (4:13-16)
      - Presuming it's our call what is right (4:17)
      - Trusting in Riches (5:1-6)

# Humility Failed & Humility Lived

- Placing ourselves above law and **judging others** (4:11-12)
  - Presuming we are in full control of our life (4:13-16)
    - Presuming it's our call what is "right" (4:17)
      - Trusting in Riches (5:1-6)
      - Waiting on God (5:7-11)
    - Letting our words always be known as Truth (5:12)
  - No matter the circumstance resting in God's Sovereignty with Praise and Prayer (5:13-18)
- **Restoring others** from Sin to the Truth (5:19-20)

# James 5:13-15 – Summary

- Prayer is for All Occasions: v13 – Let your sufferings & happiness be reminders to draw you to God in Prayer & Praise
- Prayer is for All Conditions: v15 – Physical & Spiritual
- Prayer is in Faith to & answered by One Lord: v15
- Prayer is for All People:
  - v13 – We ourselves must pray
  - v14-15 – We must seek prayers of elders
  - v16 – We must pray for each other

# James 5:13-18 – Structure

- Introduction: Pray & Praise (v13)
- Detail (vv14-15):
  - Prayer Offered in Faith
  - God Answers with Physical & Spiritual Healing
- Application: “Therefore...” (v16a)
- Reason (v16b)
- Encouragement (vv17-18)

# James 5:16 – Therefore...

- Therefore... (v16a)
  - Confess your sins – to whom & why?
  - Pray for one another – why?
- The Reason (v16b)
  - What kind of Prayer? – ενεργεο
  - What kind of Pray-er?
  - What kind of Result?

# James 5:17-18 – The Example

- Example:
  - Why use Elijah as an example?
  - What kind of man was Elijah?
  - How should this encourage us?

# James 5:19-20 – Restoration

- In 4:11-12 warned against speaking against or judging others – putting ourselves above others
  - 2:1 “My brethren, do not hold your faith in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ with *an attitude of* personal favoritism.”
- What is a person straying from here?
- Who is turning him back?
- What is the result?

# Application

## ● Big Picture:

- God sends us Trials to Refine us & Grow us – Cultivate the Implanted Word
  - We Grow in the Word by Doing it
    - Focused on others
    - Lived out in Humility

## ● In Everything, Keep our Focus on God

- Take everything to Him rather than live in our own strength – there is Certainty in God
- Pray Personally, with/for Each other, & Prayer of Elders
- Prayer is powerful and effective
- With our Focus on God work to Restore others to God