

Brokenness Meets Healing Prayer
Active Faith Unleashed – Part 11
Life Church St. Louis – October 15, 2023
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Psalm 34:18 (ESV) The LORD is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit.

Psalm 147:3 (ESV) He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.

Revelation 3:17 (ESV) For you say, I am rich, I have prospered, and I need nothing, not realizing that you are wretched, pitiable, poor, blind, and naked.

1. The power and purpose of _____

James 5:13-14 (ESV) Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praise. Is 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.

James 5:15 (ESV) And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven.

James 5:16a (ESV) Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed.

2. The effectiveness of _____ prayer

James 5:16b (ESV) The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working.

James 5:17 (ESV) Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth.

James 5:18 (ESV) Then he prayed again, and heaven gave rain, and the earth bore its fruit.

3. The restoration of the _____ through prayer

James 5:19 (ESV) My brothers, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and someone brings him back,

James 5:20 (ESV) let him know that whoever brings back a sinner from his wandering will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

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Intro. How do you personally relate to the illustration of the broken vase and its restoration (Psalm 34:18)?

In what ways have you witnessed or experienced God binding up wounds or healing a broken heart (Psalm 147:3)?

What is the problem with those who do not admit that they are broken in one way or another (Revelation 3:17)?

Why is prayer the most important aspect of a believer's life?

1A. Why are we instructed to ask the church leaders to pray for us when we are sick (James 5:13-14)?

1B. What is God's promise regarding the prayer of faith prayed by the church leaders (James 5:15)?

1C. What is the importance of confessing sins and praying for one another in order to be healed (James 5:16a)?

1D. In what areas of your life, physical, emotional or spiritual do you need healing?

2A. How does living a righteous life affect the effectiveness of our prayers (James 5:16b)?

2B. Why does James point out that the prophet Elijah was a man just like us (James 5:17)?

2C. How can the story of Elijah's prayers serve as an example and inspiration for you (James 5:18)?

2D. What things could you change in your life to make your prayers more effective?

3A. In what ways could a believer wander from the truth (James 5:19)?

3B. What does James 5:20 tell us about a believer who wanders from the faith and is not restored?

3C. What does James 5:19-20 tell you about the priority of your prayers outside of your own needs?