



**What To Do When Pain Leads To Prayer**

Sermon Series: What To Do When You Don't  
Know What To Do

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**SELECTED SCRIPTURES: James 5:13-20**

All scriptures from The New King James Version unless otherwise noted

**I. IT IS IMPORTANT TO PRAY FOR \_\_\_\_\_ REASONS. JAMES 5:13-14**  
James 5:19

The answer to facing stress in life is not to swear, but to go to prayer.

Praising God is viewed in the same measure of seriousness as praying to God.

Ephesians 5:18-19  
1 Corinthians 14:15

**II. IT IS IMPORTANT TO PRAY FOR \_\_\_\_\_ REASONS. JAMES 5:14-15A**

“Asthenia” - To be without strength.

- A. The Sick Person Is To \_\_\_\_\_ The Elders Of The Church.  
James 5:14a  
Acts 11:30  
Acts 21:18  
Acts 20:28  
1 Peter 5:1-4

What James is saying is this: If somebody in the church is sick and wants the church to be involved, it's up to them to call the elders and ask them to come to their home.

- B. The Elders Are To \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ Over The Sick.  
James 5:14b

- C. The Elders Are To \_\_\_\_\_ The Sick Person With Oil In The Name Of The Lord.  
James 5:14c  
Isaiah 1:6  
Luke 10:34  
Mark 6:13

### **III. IT IS IMPORTANT TO PRAY FOR \_\_\_\_\_ REASONS. JAMES 5:15B-16**

Although sin is not always the cause of sickness in our lives, it is mentioned in verses 15-16 and 19-20 as a possible cause.

God can also bring sickness as a discipline for sin.

1 Corinthians 11:29-30

This section of James is a suggested procedure to follow in cases where sin is suspected to be at the heart of the problem. Until the sin is isolated and confessed, it cannot be forgiven.

Another spiritual reason for prayer is the common experience of backsliding behavior.

James 5:19-20

### **IV. IT IS IMPORTANT TO PRAY FOR \_\_\_\_\_ REASONS. JAMES 5:17-18**

Abraham (James 2:21-24)

Rahab (James 2:25)

Job (James 5:11)

Elijah (James 5:17-18)

When Elijah prayed the first time, rain was \_\_\_\_\_. When he prayed the second time, rain was \_\_\_\_\_.

Whether our praying is in the emotional, physical, spiritual, or national realm, God is ready to hear and willing to answer. Thus writes James in verse 16, "The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much."