

Faith that Works

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“God’s Prescription”

James 5:13-20

Introduction:

All prescriptions come with dosage instructions. “Take two aspirin and call me in the morning,” the doctor says to the patient. What are the instructions for God’s prescription of prayer?

Interpretation:

Application:

Going Deeper

1. How should James' emphasis on the "prayer of faith" be considered, in light of his overall emphasis on the importance of faith throughout his letter? (James 1:3, 2:17, 2:22, 2:24, 5:15)
2. What percentage of the time do you turn to pray *first* as the "primary" remedy for the troubles you face? (James 5:13)
3. Have you ever been healed physically through prayer, or known of someone else who was healed physically through prayer?
4. Considering the following stories of healing. Write down some of what stands out to you as significant?
 - John 5:1-15
 - Acts 19:11-17
 - 2 Corinthians 12:1-10
5. Do you have someone that you regularly confess to and pray with? (James 5:16) If yes, how have you benefited from that relationship? If no, why haven't you cultivated that type of relationship with another?
6. What particular type of sin does Peter indicate hinders the prayer of husbands? (1 Peter 3:7)

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