

Read James 5:13-20

1. In verse 13, James teaches us to pray in every circumstance - through the bad and good. What does praying in all circumstances look like in our everyday life in the city?
2. In verses 14-15, James does not necessarily guarantee physical healing from prayer. How should we go about praying for healing given the tension between our asking God for healing and His mysterious will in our suffering?
3. In verse 16, confession of sin can lead to healing. Illness and suffering can result from sin, but not all illness and suffering are because of sin. How does confessing sins lead to healing and restoration?
4. In verses 17-18, James encourages us to pray like Elijah. The prophet was just like us - prone to despair, doubt, and fear. But his prayers were heard. How are we to pray in the midst of our despair, our doubts, and our fears?
5. In verses 19-20, James encourages us to be one another's shepherd in the truth - to bring one another back when we wander off. In regards to prayer, how do we look out for each other and encourage one another in our relationship with Jesus?