

Bible Talk Outline



COMPLETE IN OUR PRAYER | Luke Dahlenburg

Bible reading: James 5:13-20

Big Idea: Pray instinctively

1. Prayer in All Seasons (5:13-14)

In trouble → Pray

In happiness → Praise

In sickness → Ask others to pray

2. Prayer, Sickness & Spiritual Health (5:14-16)

James is not saying every illness is caused by sin. Sickness a part of life in a broken world and isn't automatically tied to sin.

James is saying that prayer is always appropriate, that forgiveness through Christ is certain (5:15), and that sometimes sickness and sin intersect, providing an opportunity for reflection, confession, and spiritual growth.

3. Elijah as an Example (5:17-18)

Elijah was "just like us."

His prayers (drought, then rain) show God's power to forgive, heal, and restore.

4. Prayer for Restoration (5:19–20)

Prayer is not just for ourselves.

We look out for others, bringing back those drifting from the faith.

Take Home

1. Make prayer your instinct, like checking your phone, driving the same way to work each day or your morning routine.
2. Pray in every season: good, bad, or ordinary.
3. Build prayer into the rhythm of your life and community.
4. Fathers and men: your family and those around you will pick up your habits. Let them pickup prayer from you.