New Series in the Book of James

"Practical Faith flows from Godly Wisdom"

Sermon 13: 'The 5 Looks of Practical Prayer' James 5:13-20

November 13, 2022

Read James 5:13 -20

1. Look Up - v 13

- a. Suffering? Pray!
- b. Joyful/Cheerful? Praise the Lord
- c. Pray individually recognizing His Sovereignty

2. Look to your Spiritual Leaders for help – v14

- a. Pray under authority in the name of the Lord
- b. Pray Corporately

3. Look to One Another - v15-16

- a. Confession in small groups
- b. Pray together with Accountability

4. Look to Biblical Examples – v17-18 (Read your Bible!)

- a. Elijah just like us
- b. Pray Fervently
- c. Pray Believing

5. Look after the Wanderer - v 19-20

- a. Notice who is not here
- b. Go after them
- c. Use your spiritual authority:
 - i. to lovingly correct
 - ii. To encourage repentance
 - iii. To bring reconciliation
- d. Pray expectantly What might God do?

6. In Summary:

- a. Pray individually
- b. Pray corporately
- c. Pray with accountability
- d. Pray fervently
- e. Pray believing
- f. Pray expectantly
- g. Pray! Luke 18:1