



Series Life Tools

Passage James 5:-13-20

Title Prevailing Over Failure

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- **Discussion Starter:** What are some of the things you learned about prayer this week that can enable you to prevail over your failures and live a significant life to the glory of Jesus?

Called By God to Have Our Sins Forgiven (James 5:13-16; Ephesians 2:8-10; James 1:17-18)

- What particular group of people is James speaking to and what are the three different conditions of each of the persons mentioned in James 5:13-14? What common instruction is given to all three persons?
- What type of sufferings and sicknesses do you think James 5:13-14 is referring to, and how are these in any way related to sin in our lives?
- According to Ephesians 2:8-10 and James 1:17-18 we know as believers that God has forgiven us, gifted us and calls us to live significant lives to the glory of Jesus. How does faithful prayer impact our ability to live significant lives to the glory of Jesus? Why do you think people are so hesitant to ask for or seek prayer from the leadership of the church?
- Compare and contrast how prayer, faith, healing, and sin are depicted by James in 5:15 and 5:16. What are the similarities and differences between the two verses?

Bible Heroes are Flesh and Blood Like Us (James 5:17-18; Romans 3:10-12)

- Many of the saints in the Bible have been depicted in paintings with halos around their heads. James points out that Elijah was a man with a nature just like ours. Romans 3:10-12 points out that no one is righteous on their own before God. What message, then, is James revealing by using the example of Elijah? What are some of the dangers of putting Biblical characters and pastors on spiritual pedestals?

A Dream that Faded (James 5:19-20; Act 2:46-47; Matthew 9:12-13)

- Can you articulate the dream/call that God has given you? What are some things you have learned from our study in James that keep you from that dream?
- What truths do we see revealed in James 5:19-20, Acts 2:46-47 and Matthew 9:12-13 about the importance of participating in honest gospel centered fellowship and its impact on our calling as Christians?