GRACE NOTES

Sermon Series: JAMES: REAL FAITH FOR REAL LIFE
Message: We're in This Together
Scripture: James 5:13-20
Date: Sunday, July 31, 2016

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13 Is anyone among you suffering? He should pray. Is anyone cheerful? He should sing praises. 14 Is anyone among you sick? He should call for the elders of the church, and they should pray over him after anointing him with olive oil in the name of the Lord. 15 The prayer of faith will save the sick person, and the Lord will restore him to health; if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. 16 Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The urgent request of a righteous person is very powerful in its effect. 17 Elijah was a man with a nature like ours; yet he prayed earnestly that it would not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the land. 18 Then he prayed again, and the sky gave rain and the land produced its fruit.
19 My brothers, if any among you strays from the truth, and someone turns him back, 20 let him know that whoever turns a sinner from the error of his way will save his life from death and cover a multitude of sins.

All prayer should be God-centered not me-centered.

"One who works in close partnership with God grows in the ability to discern what God wants to accomplish on earth, and prays accordingly." (Philip Yancey)

What Do We Do with These Verses?

In every circumstance pray.

Share your burden with the church to allow them to pray for you.

Praying in faith has power.

Our concern is not simply for people's physical needs but also for their spiritual needs.

We're in this together.

We are called to be people of faith who pray in faith, who confess and repent of our own sin, and who call others to repentance.