

PRAYERS OF FAITH
JAMES 5

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Lifegroup Guide
James

**PRE LG TEXT
MESSAGE QUESTIONS**

Do you ever find it hard to pray bold prayers of faith? What makes this so hard for so many of us?

This is what we'll be discussing at Lifegroup tonight as we continue our study on the book of James.

**SCRIPTURE
MEMORIZATION**

James 5:16

1ON1 FOLLOW UP

Do you pray big prayers of faith?

Where is an area in your life where you could pray bigger prayers of faith? Do you feel comfortable with that? Fearful? Why?

INTRODUCTION

- Do you feel like it's hard to have faith in situations that look bigger than you? (Ex: healing, financial provision, etc.)

James 5:7-12

- Do you find it difficult to be patient and trust God when things aren't going well?
- Do you tend to grumble and blame others during difficult seasons? Why is this so dangerous as Christ followers?

SAY SOMETHING LIKE: *No one likes to face suffering or hard times, but the way we respond to those difficult situations may be our best opportunity to show Jesus actively working in our lives. Often a person's true character is revealed during hard times. If we respond with grumbling, complaining, and constant worrying, we reveal that Jesus has not actually changed much in our hearts. However, if we respond with patience, grace, and perseverance is evident to others that we are operating out of the strength and love of Jesus.*

James 5:13-20

- What do you think is the main theme of what James is trying to communicate to his readers in these verses? (Prayers of faith)
- Is prayer an important part of your personal walk with the Lord? (Praying daily, praying for others, etc.)
- Have you ever felt fearful of praying big prayers of faith? (Believing for someone to be healed, believing for a giant financial provision, believing for direction, etc.)
- Have you ever seen the Lord do a miracle of some sort in your life or someone else's life? How did that impact you?
- When you are experiencing hardship or ailment, do you find it easy to turn to the Lord in prayer about this tribulation? Or do you find it hard? Why/why not?

SAY SOMETHING LIKE: *Prayers of faith can be something that completely separates us from the world in times of trial. We as believers have a hope in miracles and in eternity. If healing doesn't occur, if provision doesn't happen in the way that we think it should, then we still have the promised hope of eternity with Christ. For non-believers, there is not this promised hope. So having prayers of faith can be harder because if there is not a result, then it can be detrimental to a person. We as followers of Christ must stand firm in our belief that the Lord works all things for good, and we should pray prayers of faith that reflect that belief!*

APPLICATION

- What are some areas of your life where you need to pray some bold prayers of faith, expecting God to move?
- Try writing down your prayers so that you can look back and be encouraged by the prayers that God has answered.

