"Dependent Prayer"
James 5:13-18
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1. Dependent Prayer should be _____

A. The _____: Vs. 13a: Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray.

1 Peter 5:6-7: Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you.

B. The _____: Vs. 13b: Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praise.

2. Dependent Prayer should be for _____

A. The _____: Vs. 14: Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord.

1. The sick person _____ for the elders.

2. The elders _____ over the sick person.

3. The elders anoint him with _____ in the name of the Lord.

B. The _____: Vs. 15: And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven.

3. Dependent Prayer should be _____

Vs. 16a: Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed.

A. _____: **1 Timothy 2:5:** "For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus..."

B. _____: **Galatians 6:1-2:** Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted. Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.

4. Dependent Prayer should be _____

A. The _____: Vs. 16b: The prayer of a righteous person has great power **as it is working**.

Psalm 66:18: If I had cherished iniquity in my heart, the Lord would not have listened.

B. The _____: Vs. 17-18: Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed **fervently** that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and heaven gave rain, and the earth bore its fruit.

1 Kings 18:42b: And Elijah went up to the top of Mount Carmel. And he bowed himself down on the earth and put his face between his knees.

Discussion Questions:

- Why don't we pray more?
- Think of a time when you prayed fervently and dependently on God. What was the context? How did God answer?
- Describe your prayer life. Do you have a dedicated time each day when you pray? Do you naturally pray throughout your day? What practice could help a fellow Christian pray more?
- What hesitations do you have about asking for prayer for healing? Are those hesitations Biblical?
- What are the barriers to transparency in your life? What are the blessings?
- What practical steps can you take to build more transparency with fellow Christians into your life?