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James 5:13-20

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A Call To Community

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I. Live Before God in Praise & Prayer - Vs. 13

II. Live in Community When in Need of Prayer

A. Call for the Elders - Vs. 14-15

Mark 6:13 -

And they cast out many demons and anointed with oil many who were sick and healed them.

II. Live in Community When in Need of Prayer

A. Call for the Elders - Vs. 14-15

Exodus 40:13-15 -

Put on Aaron the holy garments. And you shall anoint him and consecrate him, that he may serve me as priest. You shall bring his sons also and put coats on them, and anoint them, as you anointed their father, that they may serve me as priests. And their anointing shall admit them to a perpetual priesthood throughout their generations.

II. Live in Community When in Need of Prayer

A. Call for the Elders - Vs. 14-15

Psalm 66:18 -

If I had cherished iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not have listened.

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I Corinthians 11:27-30 -

Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord. Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself. That is why many of you are weak and ill, and some have died.

II Cor. 12:7-9 -

So to keep me from becoming conceited because of the surpassing greatness of the revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to harass me, to keep me from becoming conceited. Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me. But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

II. Live in Community When in Need of Prayer

B. Call for the Church - Vs. 16a

Releasing the power of God through our lives into the hearts and souls of others requires that we both understand and enter into a kind of relating that only the gospel makes possible, a kind of relating that I call connecting. This kind of relating depends entirely on deep fellowship with Christ and then spills over on to other people with the power to change their lives, not always on our timetable or in the ways we expect but as the sovereign Spirit moves.

~Larry Crabb, Connecting (pp. 5-6)

III. Never Doubt the Power of Prayer

- Vs. 16b-18

IV. Never Give Up on Those Gone Astray

- Vs. 19-20

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.

IV. Never Give Up on Those Gone Astray - Vs. 19-20

1) We are Responsible For Each Other

2) We are Responsible To Each Other

3) We Need Each Other