

# TO GO

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1. What are the circumstances of prayer that James outlines in 5:13–14? Why is prayer meant to be such an integral part of a believer's experience?
2. Read James 5:14–15. What does James encourage those who are sick to do? What role do the elders have in healing prayer? What role does God have? Why does James encourage the elders to anoint with oil? How do we reconcile v15 with our experience that sometimes God answers our prayers for healing differently than we desire?
3. Why does James refer to the confession of sins as it relates to healing? What do we know about how sin can sometimes relate to sickness?
4. Read James 5:16. What remedy does James prescribe for those who are sick because of sin? Why is confessing sin to each other so hard sometimes?
5. Read James 5:16–18. What characteristics are indicated about the kind of person that prays? How do these verses demonstrate the power of prayer extending beyond just the elders?
6. Read James 5:19–20. What role does the community have in rescuing sinners? What is the result?
7. How is the Spirit encouraging you to ask for prayer or to pray for others today? Make plans to act on that conviction soon.