



The WOW Factor!

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2. _____ (v. 17-18)



TAKE THE NEXT STEP...

These questions and daily devotions are provided for mid-week Community Group discussion and personal spiritual growth. Prayerfully writing out your answers will help you experience real life transformation as you dig deeper into the spiritual truths of God's word and today's message. You can also obtain this document in electronic form at www.pacificcoastchurch.org by clicking on the sermon tab. For information on how you can be part of PCC's Community Group Network, please call us at (949) 940-2600 or visit our website.

COMMUNITY GROUP DISCUSSION:

"They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer." ACTS 2:42

pt. 1

- How would you describe your prayer life? Is there a 'WOW' factor? Be honest!
- What is the primary difference between James 5:13-15 & 16? How does this relate isolation and prayer?
- Why is confession of sin important when talking about prayer? How does spiritual accountability help?
- In what way are you challenged by James 5:16? What steps do you need to take? Be specific.

pt. 2

- Describe Elijah and why he was an example of James 5:16. How did his prayers have a 'WOW' factor?
- What was different between Elijah's prayers on Mt. Carmel and bringing rain? (c.f. 1 Kings 18:36-44)
- How does this relate to consistency and power in prayer? What do you need to start praying about again?
- In what way was Elijah "a man just like us"? How does this encourage you? Take time in your group to pray.

PERSONAL DAILY DEVOTIONS:

MONDAY – READ JAMES 5:14-16, 4:1-3, PSALM 66:16-20, PROVERBS 15:8-9, 28:9, 1 PETER 3:7



- Explain the dynamics that take place between unconfessed sin and effective/powerful prayer.
- How do you think this has impacted today's attitude towards prayer? How can spiritual accountability help?
- Does this challenge you? Why? What steps do you need to take? Take some time to pray about this now.

TUESDAY – READ JAMES 5:16, ROMANS 15:30-33, EPHESIANS 6:18-20, COLOSSIANS 4:2-4



- What is the primary difference between James 5:13-15 and James 5:16? Why is this important?
- How does isolation and privatizing negatively impact prayer? How will including others help?
- How public have you been with prayer requests? Why? How is God encouraging you to change?

WEDNESDAY - READ JAMES 5:16-18, MATTHEW 5:29-30, 1 PETER 2:20-24, MATTHEW 13:10-15



- Explain the different ways healing is used in the bible. How does this help you interpret James 5:16?
- Why is this important when it comes to approach and expectations in prayer?
- How would you describe your prayer life? (i.e. 'WOW' factor) How can today's truth help you?

THURSDAY – READ JAMES 5:17-18, 1 KINGS 18:41-44, LUKE 18:1-8, MARK 14:32-42, 2 CORINTHIANS 12:7-10



- What is the connection between James 5:17-18 and Elijah? How was he an example?
- How did Elijah show consistency in prayer? Why is this important for an effective prayer life?
- How consistent are you in praying for the same thing? Why? What do you need to bring back to God?

FRIDAY – READ JAMES 5:17-18, 1 KINGS 18:19-9



- What strikes you as significant when Elijah encounters opposition from others?
- In what ways was he "a man just like us"? How did his pray life illustrate this truth?
- How does this encourage you? How do you see this truth impacting the 'WOW' factor in your prayers?

SATURDAY – READ JAMES 5:17-18, 1 KINGS 18:1-2, DANIEL 7:15-28, REVELATION 13:1-8



- Describe how 3 ½ years is used in the bible. What time in redemptive history does it relate to?
- How might James be stating an apocalyptic perspective and encouragement to his audience? Why?
- How could you apply this truth to a specific struggle you are facing? Take some time to pray about it.



MEMORY VERSE:

¹⁶Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective.

James 5:16