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**Will You Pray For Me?**

James 5:13-18

**Key Truth:** One of the ways we can show love for one another is to pray for each other.

**The Benefits Of Praying For Others:**

1. Praying for someone else helps to keep us from falling

 into spiritual selfishness.

2. In order to really pray effectively for someone requires

 developing deep intentional relationships with others

 and God.

3. Every Christian is called to intercede on behalf others.

 A. Not everyone is qualified to pray for you.

 B. Being in community will help you discern who to go

 to in a time of need.

4. One of the blessings of being a Christian is prayer.

**Why We Need Others To Pray For Us:**

1. There are times when our situation overwhelms us.

2. There are times when our sin hinders us from coming

 before the throne of God.

3. Sometimes our faith alone is not enough.

4. Praying for one another allows us to partner with God in

 His Kingdom work.

**Taking It Beyond The Walls:**  Thank God for the gift of prayer. Ask the Lord also to bring others spiritual healing, and to grant us the humility to confess our sins.

**Connection Group Homework**

Looking back at your notes from this week’s teaching was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

Read James 5:15: What three groups of people are mentioned in these verses? What does James promise about the sick?

Read Acts 12:1-18: What did Peter being delivered from prison do to the disciples’ faith? How would it strengthen your prayer life to experience something like that?

If we do not make our sickness known to brothers and sisters in Christ, of what blessings are we depriving ourselves and the church?

James tells the person who is sick to call on the elders of the church for prayer. Who did James put the responsibility on? Why is this important?

Read Genesis 18:22-33: What does Abraham’s willingness to intercede on behalf of Sodom and Gomorrah say about his relationship with God.

Do you feel comfortable expressing your prayer needs to this group? Why is prayer such an indispensable part of our life together as believers?

What would it look like to devote regular time to praying for specific people in need of the gospel of Jesus Christ?

In what ways do your prayers need to be coupled with actions? Explain.