

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits, who forgives all you iniquity, who heals all your diseases...(Psalm 103:2-3) Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed Him stricken, smitten by God and afflicted. But He was pierced for our transgressions; He was crushed for our iniquities; upon Him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with His wounds we are healed. (Isaiah 53:4-5) And He went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction among the people. (Matthew 4:23-24) Is anyone among you sick? Then he must call for the elders of the church and they are to pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord; and the prayer offered in faith will restore the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up, and if he has committed sins, they will be forgiven him. (James 5:14-15) Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city; also on either side of the river, the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit for each month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. No longer will there be anything accursed, but the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and His servants will worship Him. They will see His face, and His name will be on their foreheads. And the night will be no more. They will need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever. (Revelation 22:1-5)

MY RESPONSE:
Describe one current challenge or burden you’d like prayer for. Have your Life Group pray for each person.



The Prayer of Faith

James 5:13-18; Psalm 142

_____ Pray

_____ Pray

_____ Pray

Is there something you would like to be healed of? Describe. Would you ask the elders to anoint you and pray for you?



TIME WITH GOD: If you don't currently have a Bible reading plan, you can download "Our Time with God" at spcc.tv/resources

REFLECTIONS: Whether you're using SPCC's reading plan or a different one, think about your time hearing and responding to Jesus this week. In your conversations with Him, describe one thing you felt Him speaking to you about.

SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTION: What did Jesus impress on your heart through this message? Do you have any questions?

James 5:15 the prayer of faith. Not the faith of the sick person but the faith of those praying. In this instance, James mentions no requirement for the sick person to exercise faith, only that they call for the elders. Christians who are ill often find personal prayer difficult. "Will save" perhaps carries a double meaning here: (1) the sick person will be physically healed, and/or (2) the sick person may also experience spiritual salvation, or growth in the blessings of salvation. As seen in the Gospels, Jesus healed both physically and spiritually, and the same double connotation may be present here as well. James is not teaching that all illness will be healed if people would simply call on the elders, or pray with enough faith, or pray with enough conviction. Healing, when it does come, is always a gift from God, who is sovereign over all circumstances, including sickness and health.—ESV

MY PERSPECTIVE: Describe a prayer you've seen God answer in life.

DIGGING DEEPER:

"Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another" Is this a normal or an unusual pattern in your life? Why or why not?

Read Psalm 142. Do you feel comfortable pouring out your complaint to God when you're burdened with something? Why or why not? Describe your current pattern of prayer.