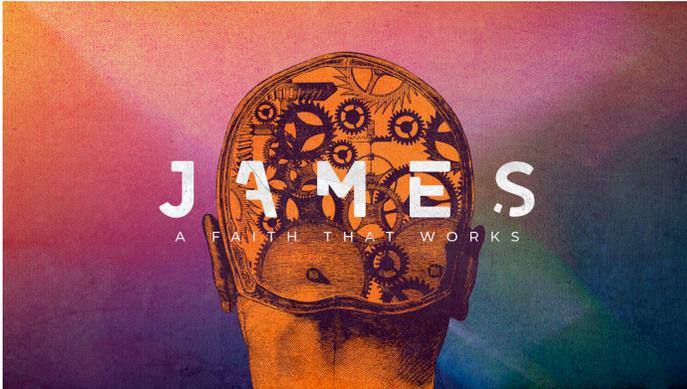


MESSAGE NOTES



**Series:** James  
**Message:** We're in This Together  
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Throughout this series, we have explored the importance of wisdom, patience and perspective.

**We have seen four ways God will use trials and hardships in our lives:**

1. To **reveal** the condition of my faith.
2. To **refine** my faith.
3. To **develop** my faith.
4. To **display** my faith for the benefit of others.

**James' final instructions are essential for us today...**

*<sup>13</sup> Are any of you suffering hardships? You should pray. Are any of you happy? You should sing praises. <sup>14</sup> Are any of you sick? You should call for the elders of the church to come and pray over you, anointing you with oil in the name of the Lord. <sup>15</sup> Such a prayer offered in faith will heal the sick, and the Lord will make you well. And if you have committed any sins, you will be forgiven. <sup>16</sup> Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed.*

James 5:13-16 (NLT)

One of the privileges and benefits of being part of Jesus' church is prayer.

Prayer is always appropriate.

Prayer relies on God, not us.

Praying in faith never demands anything from God. But we can expect God to act!

*<sup>16</sup> Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results. <sup>17</sup> Elijah was as human as we are, and yet when he prayed earnestly that no rain would fall, none fell for three and a half years! <sup>18</sup> Then, when he prayed again, the sky sent down rain and the earth began to yield its crops. <sup>19</sup> My dear brothers and sisters, if someone among you wanders away from the truth and is brought back, <sup>20</sup> you can be sure that whoever brings the sinner back will save that person from death and bring about the forgiveness of many sins.*

James 5:16-20 (NLT)