

FaithWorks

Week #11: Faith Works for Real Life

James 5:13-20

Are you looking in the right **direction**?

- James 5:13 - *Is anyone among you in trouble? Let them pray. Is anyone happy? Let them sing songs of praise.*

Live your life **facing** God.

- James 5:16-18 - *The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective. 17 Elijah was a human being, even as we are. He prayed earnestly that it would not rain, and it did not rain on the land for three and a half years. 18 Again he prayed, and the heavens gave rain, and the earth produced its crops.*

Martin Luther said, "As it is the business of tailors to make clothes and of cobblers to mend shoes, so it is the business of Christians to pray."

Live your life so others see the **face** of God.

- James 5:14-16 - *14 Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord. 15 And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them up. If they have sinned, they will be forgiven. 16 Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed.*
- James 5:19-20 - *19 My brothers and sisters, if one of you should wander from the truth and someone should bring that person back, 20 remember this: Whoever turns a sinner from the error of their way will save them from death and cover over a multitude of sins.*

Faith works to **serve** others.

- 1 John 4:7-13 - *7 Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. 8 Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. 9 This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. 10 This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. 11 Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. 12 No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us. 13 This is how we know that we live in him and he in us: He has given us of his Spirit.*

Points to Ponder

- 1) What was your 1 big take away from James and our FaithWorks series? Was it the power of the tongue and how destructive it is? Was it to write in pencil and plan pray fully trusting God's will? Was it that faith works joy always no matter what we are facing because we faith sees Jesus?
 - What 1 thing did you pick and why?
 - What 1 thing will you do to put your faith to work in that area with God's help.
 - What 1 Bible verse will you memorize and rely on so that FaithWorks in that area?

Homework: Psalm 23