

Sermon Notes – November 6, 2022

Praying That Makes a Difference (*James 5:13-18*)

- I. Prayers made by individuals who pray as if everything depended on God. (*Vs. 13*)
 - A. The power to endure suffering as praying continues.
 - B. The gratitude to praise God during and after the suffering.

- II. Prayers made by the spiritually mature who come alongside the spiritually weak. (*Vss. 14,15*)
 - A. The ministry of leaders is powered by prayer. (*Acts 6:4*)
 1. Prayer for the sick.
 2. Prayer for the spiritually weak.
 3. Astheneo: 18 times in N.T. =sick.
14 times in N.T. =spiritual/emotional weakness.
2 Corinthians 12:10: weakness produced by the sufferings of life.
 - B. The ministry of leaders exists to turn weakness into wholeness.
 1. To equip the church for works of service: Ephesians 4:11ff.
 2. To feed the flock of God: I Peter 5:1ff.
 3. To teach sound doctrine: I & 2 Timothy, Titus.

- III. Prayers made by a congregation who have healthy relationships with one another. (*Vss. 16-18*)
 - A. Confessing sin honestly to each other.
 1. Ephesians 4:32
 - B. Praying sincerely for each other.
 1. Galatians 6:1-7
 - C. Enjoying the results of righteous praying by righteous people.
 1. Elijah, the extraordinary common man.