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Series: James - Faith/Works | Sermon Title: **Answer isn't hard, we must pray.**

Main Scripture: James 5:13-18

OUTLINE

1. Principle: We must pray.
2. Problem: Prayerlessness displays a lack dependance on God the Father and reveals a greater confidence in ourselves then in the Lord or His body of believers, going against the gospel we profess.
3. Gospel: The “prayer of faith” echoes the gospel’s call to trust in Christ for salvation and that healing and forgiveness flow from faith-filled prayer, rooted in Jesus’ power.
4. Response: Pray always, about everything. The Lord wants to fellowship with you. Long prayers, short prayers, solitary prayer, prayer with others.

DISCUSSION GUIDE

1. **Prayer in Different Seasons (v. 13):** The passage says to pray in times of trouble and sing praises in times of joy. How can we cultivate a consistent habit of turning to God in both good and bad moments in our lives? Can you share a personal example of this?
2. **Healing and Community (vv. 14-15):** Why do you think James emphasizes calling the elders to pray over the sick? How can our community better support those who are physically or spiritually struggling?
3. **Power of Confession (v. 16):** The text encourages confessing sins to one another and praying for each other. What makes confession challenging, and how can we create a safe, trusting environment for this in our group or the church?
4. **Effective Prayer (v. 16):** James says the prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective. What does this mean for how we approach prayer? How can we grow in faith and righteousness to strengthen our prayers?
5. **Elijah’s Example (vv. 17-18):** Elijah is described as an ordinary person whose prayers had extraordinary results. How does this example inspire you to pray with boldness and persistence in your own life?