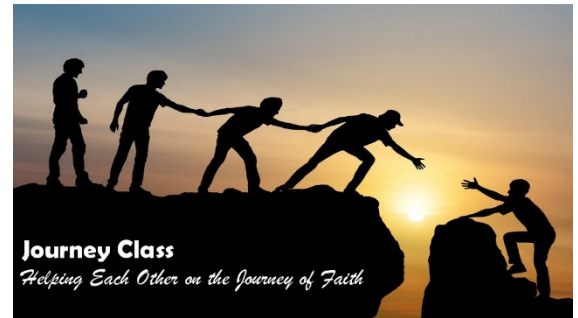


## James – Prayers of Faith

From time to time, it's helpful to consider our prayer habits. Are we praying with faith, expecting God to act, or just praying out of routine? One way to shake up the routine is to take time to remember what God has done.

Think of a time when God answered a specific prayer for you. How did that answered prayer change your life?



James began his letter encouraging people to pray for wisdom when they needed it. He ends his letter with a call to pray about all the situations in their lives, knowing that their prayers would accomplish much as they rely on God. He urges us to be real and support each other in community and thus continue the adventure of living out our faith together as the body of Christ.

### Read James 5:12-20

James refers to not “use an oath when you make a promise.” What does do you think he means?

James says that what you pray for in faith, expecting God to provide, will bring results. What do you think he means? If you do not see the results you prayed for, does that mean you did not have faith?

What kind of prayer makes great things happen?

What does Elijah's experience teach us about prayer?

Have you ever found it difficult to accept God's answer to your prayer?

What great things would you like to see God do?

*Prayer should be the default setting for a Christian's life. What begins as a conscious and deliberate habit can become, over time, a way of living that maintains constant contact with God. The challenges of life and the needs of other people become opportunities to bring to the forefront the prayer life that is going on in the background of our minds continuously. That's the effective prayer life that avails much!*

### Prayers...



*Being strong for each other*

### Closing Devotion:

Father, we cherish your promise to answer our prayers. And yet we often come to you with middle ideas, unsure of what is best, uncertain of your will, and unwilling to wait patiently for your answers. We thank you, Father, for the assurance that our imperfect prayers cannot hinder your incredible power.