



James 5v13-20

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How do we know if something is genuine?

What does a genuine faith in Jesus look like?

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James 1v18: He chose to give us birth through the word of truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of all he created.



‘Belonging entirely to God’

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Have we trials and temptations?

Is there trouble anywhere?

We should never be discouraged—

Take it to the Lord in prayer.

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1v17: ...every good and perfect gift is from above

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1 Kings 17v22: The LORD heard Elijah's cry, and the boy's life returned to him, and he lived.



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“Prayer doesn’t change things, but prayer lays hold of a God who can change things and who through prayer changes you.”

Dale Ralph Davis

3) The Praying Friends

V16: Therefore, confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed.

4) Prayerfulness and Watchfulness

V19-20: 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.

4) Prayerfulness and Watchfulness

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- *Will you be a part of God's search and rescue operation?*



