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# **James 5:13 - NLT**

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**You should pray. Are any of you  
happy? You should sing praises.**

# James 5:14

Are any of you sick? You should call for the elders of the church to come and pray over you, anointing you with oil in the name of the Lord.

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Such a prayer offered in faith will heal the sick, and the Lord will make you well. And if you have committed any sins, you will be forgiven.

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Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results.

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and yet when he prayed earnestly  
that no rain would fall, none fell for  
three and a half years!

# James 5:18

Then, when he prayed again,  
the sky sent down rain and the  
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# James 5:19

My dear brothers and sisters,  
if someone among you wanders away  
from the truth and is brought back,

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you can be sure that whoever brings the sinner back from wandering will save that person from death and bring about the forgiveness of many sins.

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# Principle #1

**God's spiritual family and community (His Church) is one of the Lord's favorite tools to minister to the deepest hurts, needs, wounds, and scars of the human condition in a fallen world.**

# God Uses The Church

- **To pray for those facing adversity.**
- **To share its praises with everyone.**
- **To lay hands on, anoint with oil, and pray for the sick.**
- **To pray in faith.**
- **To confess our sins to one another.**

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- To help bring back to repentance those who have drifted away from the truth.
- To help save people from sure eternal death.
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# God Allows Adversity

- **For Spiritual Transformation**
- **For Character Formation**
- **To Renounce Materialism**
- **To Renounce Self-Centeredness**
- **Take Us to the Next Level of Faith**
- **To Heal Us and Free Us**

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**Past**

# **Exodus 2:23**

**Years passed, and the king of Egypt died. But the Israelites continued to groan under their burden of slavery. They cried out for help, and their cry rose up to God.**



# Exodus 2:24

God heard their groaning, and he remembered his covenant promise to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

# Exodus 2:25

He looked down on the people of Israel and knew it was time to act.

**Future**

# **Revelation 6:9**

**When he opened the fifth seal,  
I saw under the altar the souls of  
those who had been slain because of  
the word of God and the testimony  
they had maintained.**

# Revelation 6:10

They called out in a loud voice, “How long, Sovereign Lord, holy and true, until you judge the inhabitants of the earth and avenge our blood?”

# Revelation 6:11

Then each of them was given a white robe, and they were told to wait a little longer, until the full number of their fellow servants, their brothers and sisters, were killed just as they had been.

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# **Confession** *Definition*

**To confess is to say and believe that God is correct in regard to what He says about sin. Confessing involves identifying things for what they truly are, which is sin, and honestly acknowledging the offenses we have committed.**



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**When we choose not to share our lives with one another, it only follows that our hearts, minds, and souls will not open up as easily to one another either. When this is the case, can we really, truly pray for one another in a way that is honoring to God?**

**When we are alone we become more susceptible to the influences and lies of God's enemies. Then as we believe those lies, guilt and shame creep into our hearts and minds; and they create even more barriers and distance in our relationships.**

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