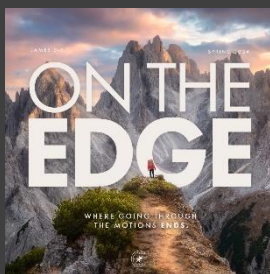


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## QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION



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PAY OR PRAY

James 5:13-18

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- 1) Reread James 5:13-18 and then read Ephesians 6:18 and 1 Thessalonians 5:17. It's pretty clear that prayer should be a part of our daily life. Do you find that you're more diligent about prayer when you face trials or when you are grateful for what God has done? Are prayers of praise a regular part of your life?
- 2) Have you ever felt a "nudge" of the Holy Spirit to offer to pray for someone, but you didn't? What held you back? Have you ever listened to that nudge and prayed? What happened?
- 3) Elijah was a prophet, revered by the Jewish people. He did remarkable, miraculous things through the power and guidance of God. But James reminds us; he was just a man. A man who prayed. Do you tend to think of biblical characters as "superheroes" or do you realize they were just men and women, very much like us? How might and understanding of the role of prayer in these people's lives change how we approach the role of prayer in our own lives?
- 4) When you pray, do you have faith to believe that God can answer those prayers? What can you do to build your faith? Have you ever considered asking God (through prayer) to build your faith?

