

For Further Study:

“Anointing with Oil” by Fredrick J. Mabie, Biola Connections pg 31 Fall 2003

Exposition of James 5:13-20 by Ronald Blue, Bible Knowledge Commentary

“Calling the Elders to Pray,” Bibliotheca Sacra 138. July-September 1981
Exposition of James 5:13-20 by John MacArthur

Small Group Questions:

1. Have you ever had a time of trouble/suffering where you felt extreme spiritual fatigue? How was your prayer life effected?
2. Have you ever felt like you didn't even have the faith to pray?
3. Read Luke 5:17-26. Does this parable have any similar lessons?
4. Whether James is addressing physical health care or spiritual health care, what is undeniable in this passage?
5. What does this passage teach us about the community of faith?

Word Study:

Aestheneo – to be weak physically (18x) or spiritually (14x)

Chrio – ceremonial/religious anointing

Aleipho – to apply or to put on to rub on

Kamno – weary (1x) or sick (1x)

Sozo – to be saved (93x), to be made whole (11), or to heal (3x)

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The Way Out of Trouble James 5:13-20

1. Through the privilege of personal prayer (13)
2. Through the preventative power of praise (13)
3. Through the power of intercessory prayers (14, 15)

Miraculous –this is a physical illness that is miraculously healed.

Moderates take a straightforward reading English rendering.

Extremists in the miraculous camp would say: That all physical illness has a spiritual remedy that only be accessed through absolute faith.

Medicinal – Oil was the medicine of the day.

***Pastoral** – This position maintains that not talking about one's *physical* health problem... but rather, we're dealing with one's *spiritual* health problem.

4. Through the confession of sin, and power of intercessory prayer (16-18)
5. Through the confrontation of a caring friend (19-20)