

YOU NEED THE CHURCH

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BIG IDEA

Faith was never meant to be lived alone. God gives us the church in suffering, joy, sickness, sin, and wandering—because we need the church, and the church needs us.

READ TOGETHER

James 5:10-20 | Notice every place James moves us from isolation toward prayer, honesty, and care.

INTO THE SERMON

LOOK BACK AT SUNDAY

- 1 What idea, phrase, or illustration from Sunday's sermon stayed with you most? What made it memorable?
- 2 Pastor Sam repeated, 'You need the church, and the church needs you.' How did the sermon show that through suffering, joy, sickness, sin, or wandering?

INTO THE TEXT

OPEN JAMES 5

- 1 Read verses 10-12. What do the prophets and Job teach about steadfastness? What do these verses reveal about the character of the Lord?
- 2 Read verses 13-16. List each situation James names and the response he gives. What do those commands assume about life together in the church?



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INTO THE TEXT

PRAY, CONFESS, RESTORE

- 3 Read verses 15-18. What makes prayer powerful? How does the example of Elijah encourage ordinary believers to pray with faith and trust God with the results?
- 4 Read verses 19-20. What responsibility do believers have when someone wanders from the truth? How is bringing someone back an act of rescue?

APPLICATION

DO NOT DISAPPEAR

- 1 When life gets real, are you more likely to pray, call, confess, and connect—or to isolate? Which response in this passage is God inviting you to practice?
- 2 Who in the church may need your story, prayer, presence, or encouragement right now? What is one concrete way you can move toward them?

THIS WEEK

CHOOSE ONE

- Join Coastlands' Prayer group and Love Local group; respond to one shared need.
- If you are sick or suffering, call an elder and ask the church to pray with you.
- Share joy with a song, or struggle through honest confession with a trusted believer.
- Reach out to someone who is drifting; offer prayer, presence, and a way back.

MEMORY VERSE / JAMES 5:16

"Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working."