

28 Days of Prayer

#2 Changing History

James 5:16-20

Four Lessons About the Power of Prayer

I. Prayer Makes a Difference

James 5:16; Psalm 106:23

II. Prayer Changes History

James 5:17-18

- A. Moses changed the destiny of a nation.
- B. Elijah changed the weather and impacted a nation.
- C. Our church saw God change the weather.

III. Prayer is for Ordinary People

James 5:17-18

- A. Lies about prayer:
 - Prayer is for the spiritually elite.
 - Prayer is too hard.
 - Prayer is too boring.
 - Prayer is too time consuming.
 - Prayer is only for the spiritually weird.The conclusion: Prayer is not for me.

B. Truths about Prayer.

- Prayer is for ordinary people.
 - Prayer is for needy people.
 - Prayer is simple.
 - Prayer is enriching and exciting.
 - Prayer saves time.
 - Prayer is for smart people.
- The conclusion: Prayer is
- essential
- for me.

IV. Prayer Restores the Wandering One

James 5:19-20

A. Peter wandered from God.

Luke 22:31-34

The Downward Path of the Backslidden.

Matthew 26:36-43; Luke 22:47-62

- Distraction:
- Disappointment:
- Distance:
- Disobedience:

B. Jesus prayed and Peter returned.

Luke 22:31-34

C. You can pray and see backsliders restored.

Backsliders can come home.

You can change history...from your knees.