



**Do we believe that
prayer **works** and that
prayer **changes**?**

**Praying to God is NOT
a **vain exercise****



**Our prayers change MUCH,
they accomplish a **specific**
and **incredible** purpose.
They attach us to God.**

James 5:16-20



**Jesus stands in the gap
between us and
God the Father
(He's our mediator)**





PRAYER
CHANGES MUCH



James 5:16

All of us **NEED** to be
intentionally **involved**
in one another's lives



**The Greek verb “Confession”
is looking through the lens
of God’s perspective when it
comes to sin**



“Confession” is written in plural, which means it’s widespread, beyond a single individual



**Gaining information as to
what someone is presently
struggling with should
heighten and intensify our
prayers for that person**



Commit to **praying for one
another – it's a sign of genuine
Christlike, agape love –
we pray because we **truly care****

James 5:16



These “effective prayers”
are persistent prayers
(prayers filled with energy) –
these are empowered
energy filled prayers
Philippians 2:12-13
James 5:17-18



**In the Greek it literally reads,
“with prayer he prayed”**

**Elijah’s prayers were persistent
and this persistence is what
led to it NOT raining for 3 years
and 6 months**



**The God, who answered Elijah's
persistent prayer is the **SAME**
God, who is actively at work
inside of **ALL believers****

James 5:19-20



“Strays” = includes both deliberate and willful leaving, as well as, passively deceived into leaving



**The emphasis is now that
you've gone **astray**, how do
we effectively and fervently
restore a believer to Christ?**

