

One Another: Confess

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Is anyone among you in trouble? Let them pray. Is anyone happy? Let them sing songs of praise. Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them up. If they have sinned, they will be forgiven.

James 5:13-15 (NIV)

Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective. James 5:16 (NIV)

The heart of confession is consecration.

Elijah was a human being, even as we are. He prayed earnestly that it would not rain, and it did not rain on the land for three and a half years. Again he prayed, and the heavens gave rain, and the earth produced its crops. My brothers and sisters, if one of you should wander from the truth and someone should bring that person back, remember this: Whoever turns a sinner from the error of their way will save them from death and cover over a multitude of sins.

James 5:17-20 (NIV)

Confession is not:

1. Just a way to get rid of your guilt. [Selfish confession]
2. Just saying sorry. [Aimless confession]
3. Just a report. [Practised confession]

True Confession:

1. Remembers the cost of forgiveness.
2. Mortifies sin.
3. Makes deep fellowship possible.

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

1. Are there sins you need to confess before God right now?
2. Is there someone in your life you need to confess to? What is keeping you from doing it?