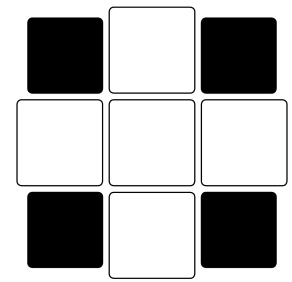


# The Power of Prayer

Scripture: **James 5:13–18**

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## Overview

Prayer is one of those disciplines most of us struggle with at one time or another. We often treat prayer as a last desperate attempt to change our minds. When we don't get the results we are looking for or don't get results as quickly as expected, we often give up and conclude God isn't listening. What we need to remember is: **we shouldn't be surprised when our prayers lack power, when prayer is our last resort.**

## Corroborating Texts

James 1:2-4, 2 Corinthians 12:9, Romans 8:34, Isaiah 45:19, 1 Kings 17, 1 Kings 18, 2 Kings 2, Ephesians 6:18, 1 Thessalonians 5:17-18

## Discussion Questions

1. When are you most likely to pray? What are the circumstances that lead up to calling out to God?
2. How do you typically respond when things don't go according to how you think they should?
3. What type of prayer (adoration, confession, thanksgiving, supplication) is most difficult for you? Why do you think that is?
4. Do you believe prayer is powerful?
5. Why does James feel the need to single out confession? What do you need to confess?
6. Why is Elijah used as an example? What can we learn from him?
7. How do you see God using you in 2018 to bear fruit?