



**Series: True Faith for Distorted Times (11)**

**Title: The Healing Church**

**Scripture: James 5:13-20**

**Theme Verse:** *34 A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. 35 By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.* **John 13:34–35 ESV**

**November:** *"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."* **James 5:16**

- The amazing rise of early Christianity...for what were those believers known?
  - We have our own plagues today, and God calls His church to respond like they did before.
1. What is a healing church?
    - a. Look at the constellation of words James uses in this passage to describe what can happen among God's people: *restore, raise up, forgiven, healed, accomplish much, fruit, turn, restore, save, and cover*. We are part of a great rescue mission!
    - b. God's agenda is to heal us so we can enjoy Him forever. See what other passages in the Bible has to say about this: 2 Chronicles 7:14; Jeremiah 33:5-9; Psalm 103:1-5; Hosea 6:1-3; Malachi 4:2; Matthew 4:23-24; Revelation 22:5
    - c. Healing or hurting church?
    - d. Implications:
      - i. A healing church welcomes and loves people just as they are but does not leave them there.
      - ii. A healing church recognizes that on this side of heaven, physical healing is temporary but spiritual healing is forever.
      - iii. A healing church is fresh and full of testimonies of transformation and deliverance.

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people

walking  
with Christ

inviting  
others

serving  
together

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2. How do we become a healing church?
  - a. James gives the recipe for a healing church:
    - i. True relevance.
    - ii. Genuine confession.
    - iii. Righteous living.
    - iv. Effective prayer.
    - v. Sacrificial involvement.
  
3. What is your role in a healing church?
  - a. James is clearly a man of action who has written a practical letter.
  - b. We cannot simply adopt the strategy that “time heals all wounds.”
  - c. The value of small groups.

Jesus Christ, the Healer (Isaiah 53:5; 1 Peter 2:24)