

PRAYER OF FAITH

LESSON 11: JAMES ON BUSINESS

CORPORATE SITUATION ROOM

Joe and his marketing team have been working on securing a large project for the company. The project is so large that they have teamed with three additional companies in order to accomplish all aspects of the project. Joe and his team are running point for the potential collaboration and are coordinating all the research and presentation materials for an upcoming pitch to the client. Joe is a Christian and tries to honor God in all that he does.

The interview is tomorrow, and Joe has assembled the team for a full day of dress rehearsal. The excitement level is high at the prospect of working together on such a big opportunity that could literally change the direction of their respective companies. As they wrap up for the day, Joe is thinking about how God has blessed him with this team and this opportunity. He feels like saying something or praying for the team, but he doesn't know if any of the team are even Christians or if he would offend anyone.

- Q. What would be the appropriate thing for Joe to do?
- Q. What business experiences have you had to pray in a professional setting?
- Q. What thoughts or doubts do you think Joe was wrestling with?
- Q. Describe a person you know that consistently honors God in the workplace. How are they known? How do you feel around them?

JAMES 5:13-20

¹³ Is anyone among you in trouble? Let them pray. Is anyone happy? Let them sing songs of praise. ¹⁴ 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. ¹⁵ 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. ¹⁶ 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. ¹⁷ 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. ¹⁸ Again he prayed, and the heavens gave rain, and the earth produced its crops. ¹⁹ My brothers and sisters, if one of you should wander from the truth and someone should bring that person back, ²⁰ remember this: Whoever turns a sinner from the error of their way will save them from death and cover over a multitude of sins.

- Q. Describe a person you know that has the characteristics described here. What is their attitude about all things? How do others react to them?

- Q. What keeps you from having this kind of attitude and faith in your everyday life?
- Q. How would your life and those around you be different if you lived and prayed according to this passage?
- Q. How would you describe a righteous man?
- Q. Why do you think God honors the prayers of a righteous man?
- Q. What would your view of God be if you lived according to this passage?
- Q. What influence would you have at work if you were known to be a praying “man of faith”?
- Q. What is one small thing you could start today that would help your faith, attitude, and actions to be more aligned in the marketplace?