

## **Taking Responsibility 2- Prayer and Action**

### **James 2:14-26**

#### **Our Responsibility to PRAY**

**Prayer is one of our greatest responsibilities as people of faith.**

*“Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.” -1 Thessalonians 5:16-18*

**Prayer brings peace to our souls as we entrust our lives to God.**

*“Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.” -Philippians 4:6-7*

**Prayer helps others endure and overcome challenges they face.**

*“Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective.” -James 5:16*

**Prayer sows kingdom seeds in people’s lives.**

*“For this reason I bow my knees.... I pray that... he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit... I pray that you may... comprehend... what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.” -Ephesians 3:14-19*

**Prayer ushers in miracles that are beyond our abilities.**

*“Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.” -Ephesians 3:20-21*

#### **Our Responsibility to ACT**

**Prayer can be a hindrance to taking responsibility to ACT.**

*“What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works?... If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, ‘Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill,’ and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.” -James 2:14-17*

**Prayer connects us to the great CAUSE, and prepares us to ACT on GOD’s behalf.**

*“Now during those days he went out to the mountain to pray; and he spent the night in prayer to God. And when day came, he called his disciples and chose twelve of them...” -Luke 6:12*