



The Ultimate Apologetic



NOT ON YOUR LIFE

- Preach a sermon
- Sing a solo
- Bungie jump
- Confess to sin in a public setting



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NOT A CHANCE!

JAMES 5:16-20



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16 Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective.

17 Elijah was a man just like us. 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, if one of you should wander from the truth and someone should bring him back, 20 remember this: Whoever turns a sinner from the error of his way will save him from death and cover over a multitude of sins.



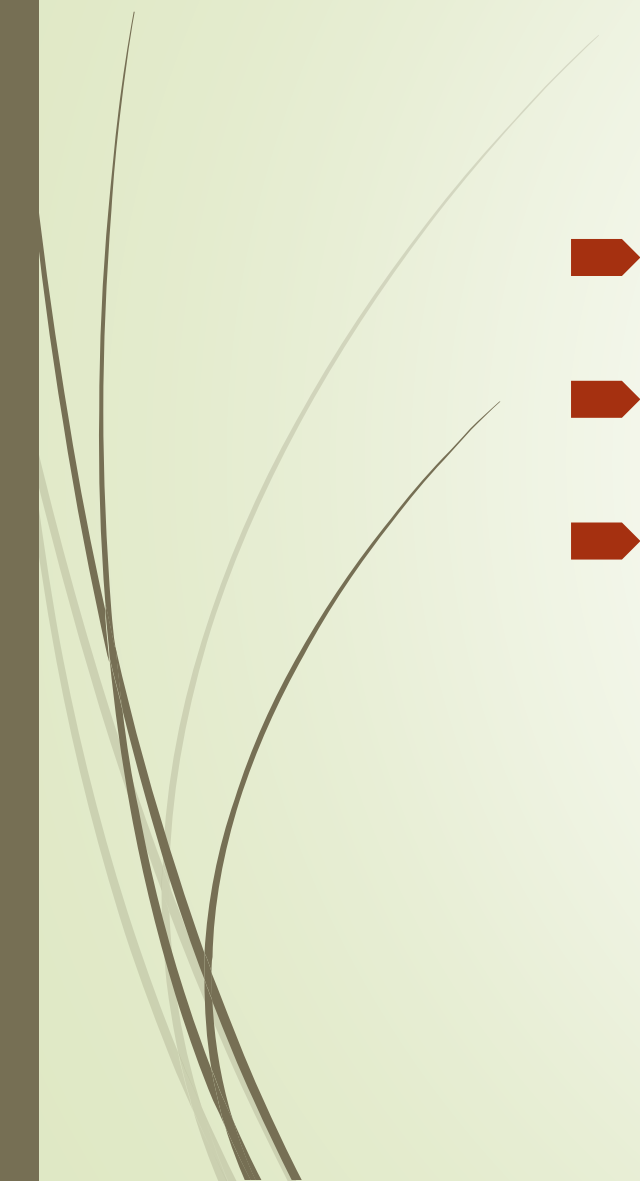
WHY?

2 KINGS 5:1-19

- Naaman: Commander of the army of **Aram.**
- Significant need
- Willing to do anything to find a fix
- Dip in the Jordan seven times
- Indignant
- Perspective

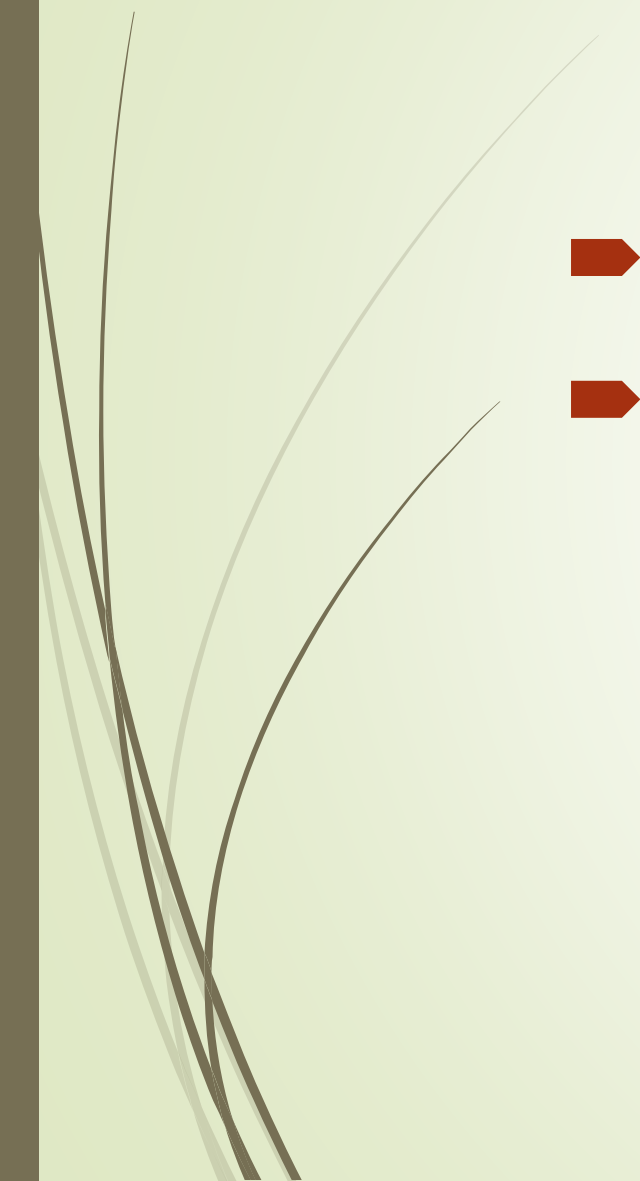


CONFESS YOUR SINS:

- Which sins
 - Public or private
 - To what end
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HOW SHOULD YOU RESPOND

- Pray for each other
 - Why
 - Prayer has spiritual therapeutic value
 - The prayer that is offered is that of one sinner for another sinner
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WHO ARE THE RIGHTEOUS?

- Righteousness is inputted not innate
 - We are to pray for one another with an acute awareness that the privilege that we exercise is not on the basis of who we are but whose we are.
 - This type of prayer is interwoven into the very fabric of a genuinely New Testament church.
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SO WHAT?

- Do you really want to get well?
 - What is the effect of being taken captive by shame?
 - Are you ready and willing to pray for those who confess sin(s) to you?
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