Growing a Faith that Works – A Series in James – Week 11 HEALING PRAYER 101 – DISCOVERING THE PROCESS James 5:13-17 & Selected Scriptures

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Introduction: We're approaching the end of our series on James, and today we come to a very short passage that we hold in high esteem at Grace: James' teaching on healing prayer. Like many of James' words they are not easy to understand. Over the years, I've heard good people advance highly divergent interpretations. Some present them with great confidence; others shrug their shoulders and say, "I don't know what James is saying, but here's my best guess." I've listened to enough of these interpretations to know that good and reasonable people have can differing opinions, but at Grace we have a strong conviction about what these words mean, and how they apply. And we use these words as a cornerstone in our healing prayer ministry. We'll explore the big picture, so that what I say next week makes sense. To do that, I'll start by recounting how our healing prayer ministry began. Then I'll ask and answer two questions as we dig into the Bible. We'll end with some practical applications.

1. How should I think about divine healing? Is this something God is even doing these days?

2. If healing prayer is a discipline, how should I fellowship with God as I carry it out?

3. Idea

4. Takeaways – Where do I begin?