



On your knees: James 5.12-18

1. Why do you think that prayer is “in,” while Christianity, generally speaking, is “out?” **OR** Why do we make oaths? What does “oath-taking” or swearing, reveal about a person? And why do you think it is discouraged in the Bible?

2. Listen to those statistics on prayer in the U.K. again. What do they tell us about how people view prayer, even though they may not actually have put their trust in God?

3. What is your experience of prayer? How many kinds of prayer are there, and which ones do you use? Does prayer frustrate you, or bring you joy, or both? How do you deal with unanswered prayer?

4. How do you respond to the idea that sickness is sometimes the result of sin? Do you agree? If so, what is your response to this teaching? Can it be abused sometimes?

5. ***Always Christian prayer requires our submission to the Father’s wisdom and knowledge, and even when our praying is at its most persistent and urgent, the fact remains that God gives only what is for his children’s ultimate good.*** How do you respond to this quotation? **OR** The quote from the passage, “confess your sins to each other” wasn’t discussed in the episode, but it’s an interesting teaching, clearly picked up by the Catholic tradition, and generally left aside by most other faith traditions. What is your opinion of the idea of “confessing your sins to another Christian?”