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Today's Scripture Passage: James 5:13-20 (ESV)

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"A Call to Action"

(James 5:13-20)

"One of the great abiding images of our relationship to God is the helplessness of the crying, struggling newborn, full of need and utterly powerless to do anything about it. Babies are some of the most purely self-absorbed creatures on the planet. But at least they have no illusion of autonomy. To be an adult, on the other hand, is to be just as self-absorbed and powerless as a baby, and then to lie to yourself about the fact"

~ Simeon

Zahl

Because God is a God of love, he invites us to come to him in our time of

_____, and he commands us to love others by _____

them of the error of their ways.

1. A Call to Prayer (vv. 13-18).

In _____ (v. 13a).

In _____ (v. 13b).

In _____

(vv. 14-15; cf. 1 Tim. 3:1-7; Titus 1:5-7; Eph. 4:11-12; Acts 20:17ff.)

Our walk with God is a _____ project (v. 16).

God works _____ through our prayers (vv. 17-18).

2. A Call to Care (vv. 19-20).

_____ those who wander.

"Sin needs darkness to grow—it needs isolation disguised as 'privacy,' and prideful self-sufficiency disguised as 'strength'"

~ Mark Dever

The motivation (v. 20).

Who's waiting on the other side of your _____?