“The Work of Faith” Pt. II

Intro: From the start, James has been teaching us of __________. A predominate characteristic of true faith, faith that is founded in Jesus Christ, is that it __________.

A. It is a ________ and powerful thing that our faith be tested to the breaking point, for it is at that place that we find the end of our strength and we come to really __________ upon God, finding how strong and dependable He is, that we might grow in our love for Him, that He might be our one and only __________!

James 5:15a

I. Those who possess faith in Christ are to __________ in faith for faith without __________ is dead.

A. The suffering Christian is to act in faith by __________.

B. The cheerful Christian is to act in faith by singing __________ to God.

C. The sick Christian is to act in faith by __________ the Elders. And, the Elders are to act in faith by __________ for the sick, anointing them with oil.

II. Here is the __________ of God, “and the prayer offered in faith will restore the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up, ...”

A. Regarding the __________ of God, 2 Cor 1:20 reads, "For as many as may be the promises of God, in Him they are ________; wherefore also by Him is our __________ to the glory of God through us."

1. We must be very careful to __________ divide the Word of God, rightly understanding the truth of these promises, so we do not set up __________ expectations.

B. “The prayer offered in __________ ...”

1. The prayer is __________.

2. “For the Christian, every prayer ought to be the __________ of his faith in God through Christ.” (Spiros Zodhiates)

   a. __________ in the Lord should motivate the prayer, not __________ and anxiety.

3. In regard to the prayer offered in faith, the idea of faith is not to have faith in our ability to believe, but to __________ in the of the Almighty God!
a. Heb 11:6, “And without faith it is impossible to __________ God, for he who comes to God must __________ that He is, ...” Saving faith is not believing for some thing, but believing in some One - the only ________. And when one believes in some One, they trust in Them and Their promises!

4. We can’t compartmentalize our _________. We can’t say that we will believe God for healing when we do not believe God in the ________ of our life. Can we somehow believe our healing into reality, while refusing to accept the rightful ________ of Jesus Christ?
   a. In the ________ of 5:15, the prayer offered in faith cannot be made aside from the obedient act of faith of calling for the Elders, and their obedient act of faith of praying and applying oil in the name of the Lord. And, in the ________ of the entire book, the prayer offered in faith cannot be made aside from faith-full living.

5. The prayer offered in faith must be offered “in the ________ of the ________.”
   a. The prayer offered in faith must be offered “in ____________ with the will of God.” If it is not offered in agreement with the will of God, how can it be a prayer offered in ________?

6. When James writes that the prayer offered in faith will _____________ the one who is sick, he means not to credit the prayer or the pray-er, or the faith of the pray-er, but the Lord for the _________ will raise him up.

Closing: We should not view this text as “this is what God promised so this is what He must do,” but, “this is what God said, so being people of faith in God, this is how _____ ________ ________!”

1. May it be that we never focus on what God is going to do for us considering how God has called us to live - in _________. Beloved, the prompting of this scripture is bring us to live by faith even in sickness, knowing that God’s will will be done. So, as obedient followers whose faith motivates right living, we can go to Him in prayer in humble ____________ knowing that He hears the prayer offered in faith, for the _________ raises the sick.