

WHEN EVERYTHING'S DIFFERENT

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Discovery Community Church

[James 5:10-11](#)

Brothers and sisters, as an example of patience in the face of suffering, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. As you know, we count as blessed those who have persevered. You have heard of Job's perseverance and have seen what the Lord finally brought about. The Lord is full of compassion and mercy.

Welcome to Discovery Community Church

In our series: When Everything's Different, we have been considering the question: "Who will we be" during this incredibly challenging season.

This week we will wrestle with: "Who will we be to a watching world?"

[James 5:13-20](#)

Is anyone among you in trouble? Let them pray. Is anyone happy? Let them sing songs of praise. Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them up. If they have sinned, they will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective. Elijah was a human being, even as we are. He prayed earnestly that it would not rain, and it did not rain on the land for three and a half years. Again he prayed, and the heavens gave rain, and the earth produced its crops. My brothers and sisters, if one of you should wander from the truth and someone should bring that person back, remember this: Whoever turns a sinner from the error of their way will save them from death and cover over a multitude of sins.

OUR WORLD NEEDS GREAT LEADERSHIP

Leaders lead by practicing Presence

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[James 5:14](#)

Am I Available?

Can your world trust you enough to be vulnerable?

Can they trust your tender care to come close and salve the wound?

Leaders, lead from the quality of their heart

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[James 5:16-18](#)

But real leadership is rarely appointed -- it's earned

"I looked for someone among them who would build up the wall and stand before me in the gap on behalf of the land so I would not have to destroy it, but I found no one.

[Ezekiel 22:30](#)

What is God looking for in my heart condition?

Leaders shape the future by engaging in what really matters

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[James 5:19-20](#)

What does my circle need right now, and how might God use me to provide it?

Today's Takeaways:

1. What is the one thing I need to remember from today?
2. How can I live generously this week?
3. What is my prayer?