

## MESSAGE NOTES | JUNE 20



### Effective Prayer

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Effective prayer develops hope and trust in God.

#### **JAMES 5:16B**

The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.

1. Obedience to the Word of God is most important. **2 KINGS 6:6-7**
2. Effective prayer encourages and brings hope into the lives of others.  
**2 KINGS 6:15-17**
3. When we don't seek God in prayer, consequences develop because we depend on ourselves and not God. **2 KINGS 6:27, 30-31**

### Message for Fathers

Luke 15:11-20

## NEXT STEPS

- Memorize **JAMES 5:16B**.
- Obey the Word of God.
- Men: pray for your family.

## DISCOVERY QUESTIONS FOR FAMILY OR GROUP DISCUSSION

*Check-In: Since we last met, how did your "I will..." and sharing go?*

1. What are you thankful for? What challenge or stress are you facing? Do you know anyone who needs help at this time? As a group, how can we help?
2. Read **2 KINGS 7:1-11** together (at least twice), and take turns retelling it in your own words as if sharing with a friend who isn't here.
3. What stands out to you and why? What do these verses tell us about God? What do these verses tell us about humanity/about us?
4. If this is God speaking, how will you apply it to your life?  
(Share a specific: "I will...")
5. Who will you share with before we meet again?  
(Name a specific person you plan to **share with**.)

*If you'd like to learn more about the discovery group process, connect with [marcus@oakwoodnow.org](mailto:marcus@oakwoodnow.org)*

THE **ONE THING:** Never stop praying.  
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