



When The Church Prays

James 5:13-18 ESV

13 Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praise.

14 Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord.

15 And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven.

James 5:13-18 ESV

16 Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working.

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18 Then he prayed again, and heaven gave rain, and the earth bore its fruit.

A photograph showing a group of people in a prayerful setting. In the center, a woman with long brown hair, wearing a green t-shirt, has her back to the camera. Her shoulders are being touched by the hands of others. To her left, a woman with dark hair is looking down. To her right, a woman with long brown hair, wearing a maroon top with a patterned cuff, is also looking down. The scene is dimly lit, creating a solemn and intimate atmosphere.

**The People of God
Praying for One Another**

A photograph showing a woman with long brown hair, wearing a green t-shirt, being comforted by others. Her hands are being held by people on either side. The scene is dimly lit, suggesting an indoor setting. The text 'Last Week...' is overlaid in white on the left side of the image.

Last Week...

1: The Christian

2: The Elders

3: The People of God

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3: The People of God

Perseverance is a community project

Pray together and for one another

Confess sin to one another



Confessing to One Another

Ought to be a regular part of our lives (not just to be healed)

Hebrews 3:12-13

12 Take care, brothers, lest there be in any of you an evil, unbelieving heart, leading you to fall away from the living God.

13 But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called "today," that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin.

Confessing to One Another

Confess to those you have wronged in word & deed

Matthew 5:23-24

23 So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you,
24 leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift.

Confessing to One Another

Confess sins that you struggle with to trusted believers

Psalm 32:3

3 For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long.

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Ephesians 4:25

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Ephesians 5:8-9

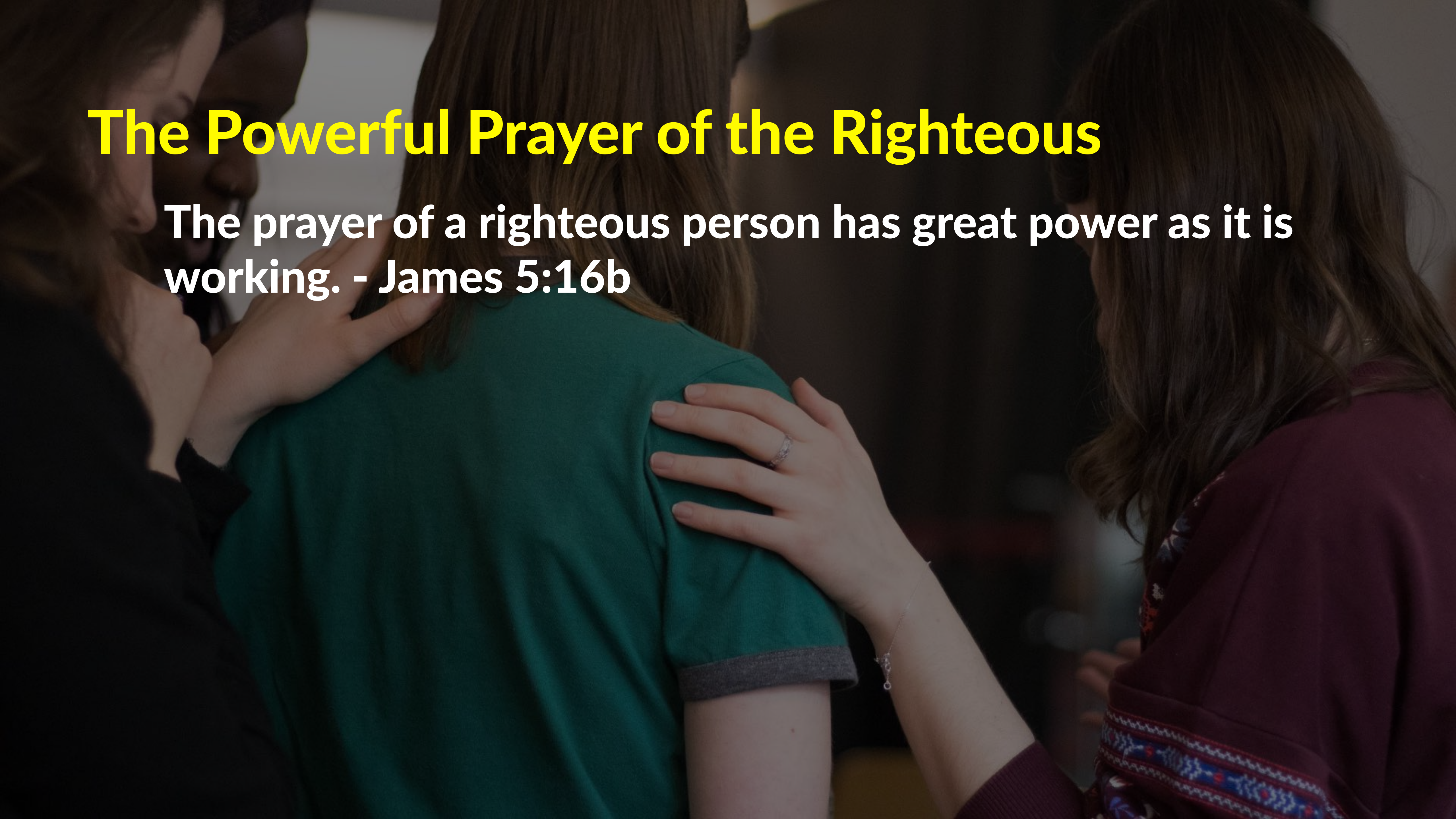
8 for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord.

Walk as children of light

9 (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true),

The Powerful Prayer of the Righteous

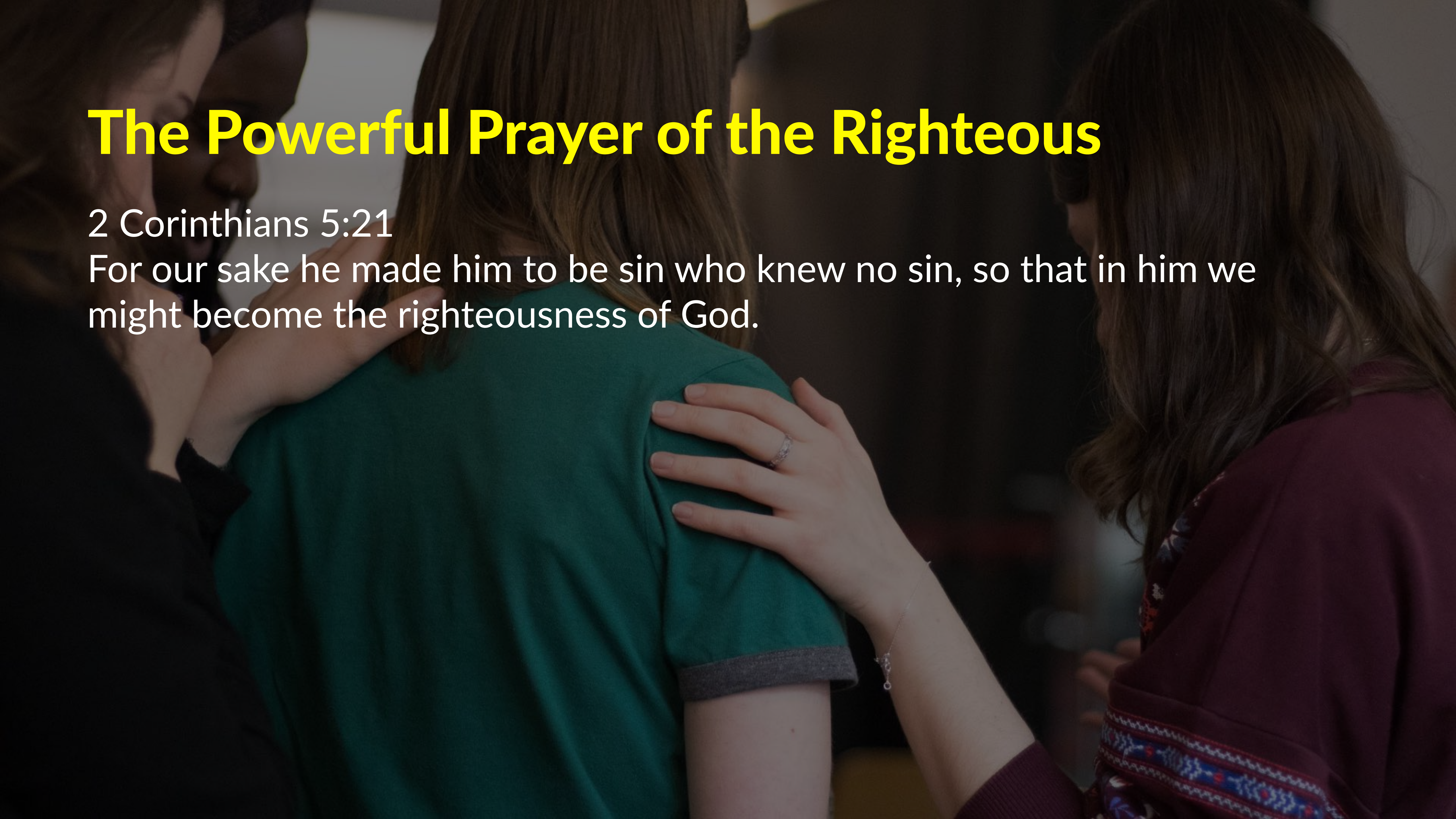
The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working. - James 5:16b



The Powerful Prayer of the Righteous

2 Corinthians 5:21

For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.



The Powerful Prayer of the Righteous

Hebrews 4:14-16

14 Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. 15 For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. 16 Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

The Powerful Prayer of the Righteous

Psalm 66:18

If I had cherished iniquity in my heart, the Lord would not have listened.

The Powerful Prayer of the Righteous

1 Peter 3:7

Likewise, husbands, live with your wives in an understanding way, showing honor to the woman as the weaker vessel, since they are heirs with you of the grace of life, so that your prayers may not be hindered.



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