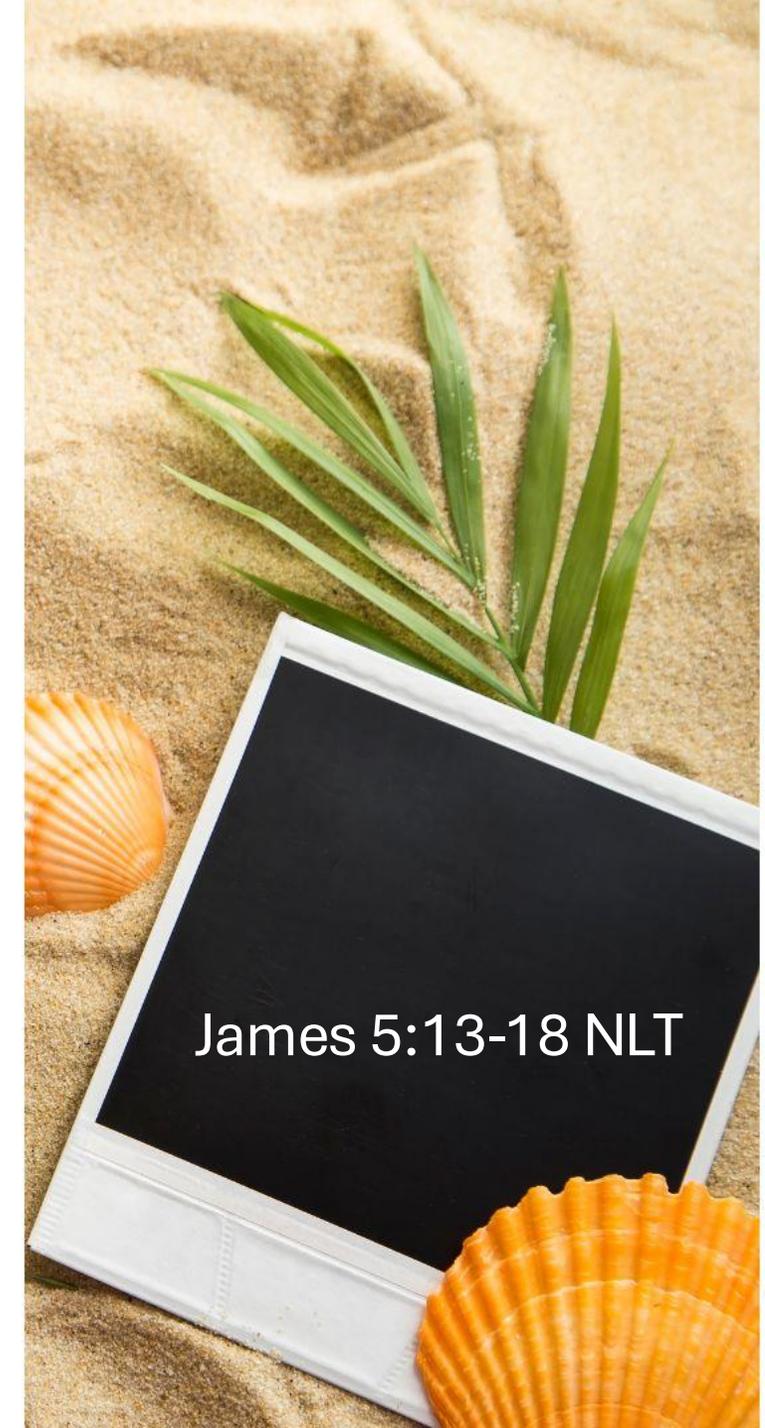


A photograph of a white starfish on a sandy beach. The starfish is positioned in the upper right quadrant. The background is split: the left side is a light beige sand, and the right side is clear, shallow blue water with visible ripples and reflections of light. The overall scene is bright and summery.

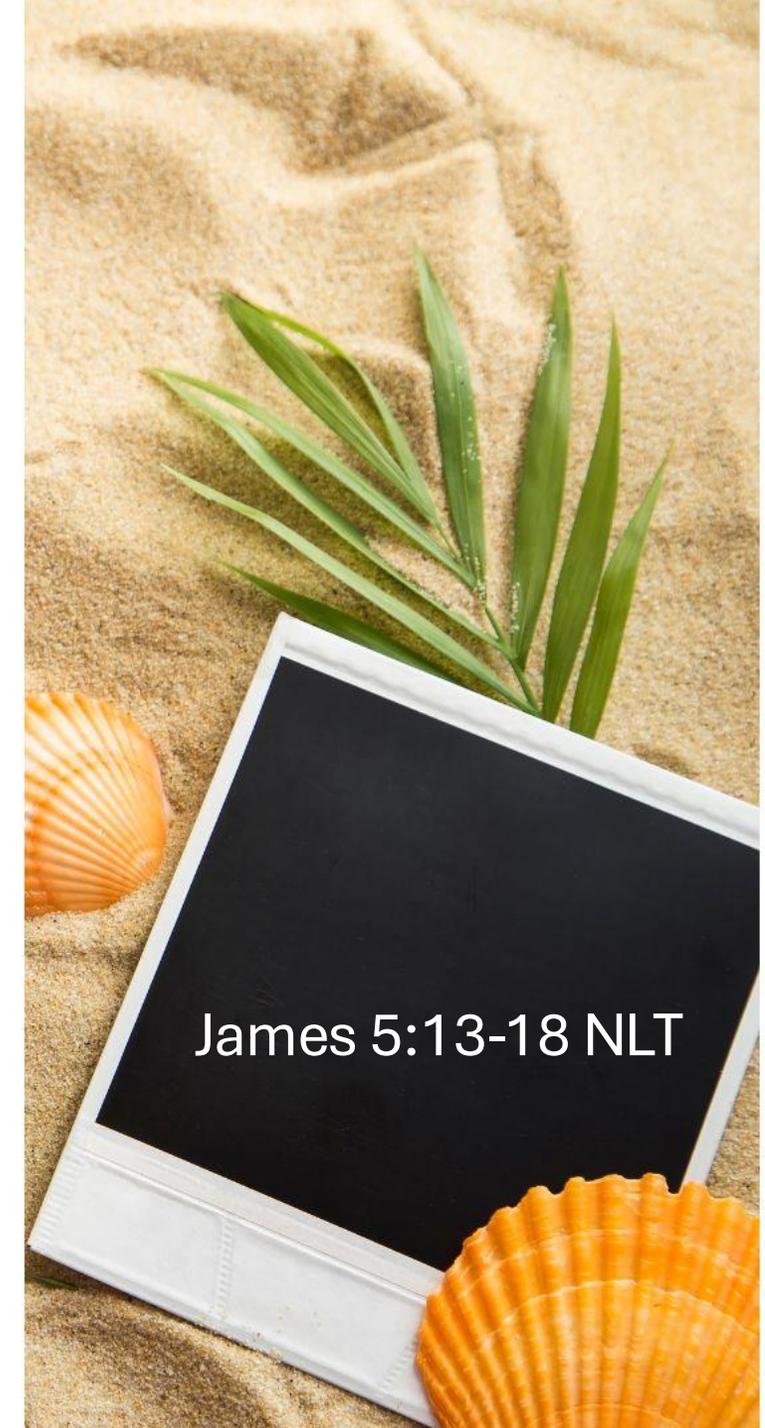
SUMMER SAMPLERS

Passages that Challenge
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¹³ Are any of you suffering hardships? You should pray. Are any of you happy? You should sing praises. ¹⁴ Are any of you sick? You should call for the elders of the church to come and pray over you, anointing you with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵ Such a prayer offered in faith will heal the sick, and the Lord will make you well. And if you have committed any sins, you will be forgiven.



¹⁶ Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results. ¹⁷ Elijah was as human as we are, and yet when he prayed earnestly that no rain would fall, none fell for three and a half years! ¹⁸ Then, when he prayed again, the sky sent down rain and the earth began to yield its crops.



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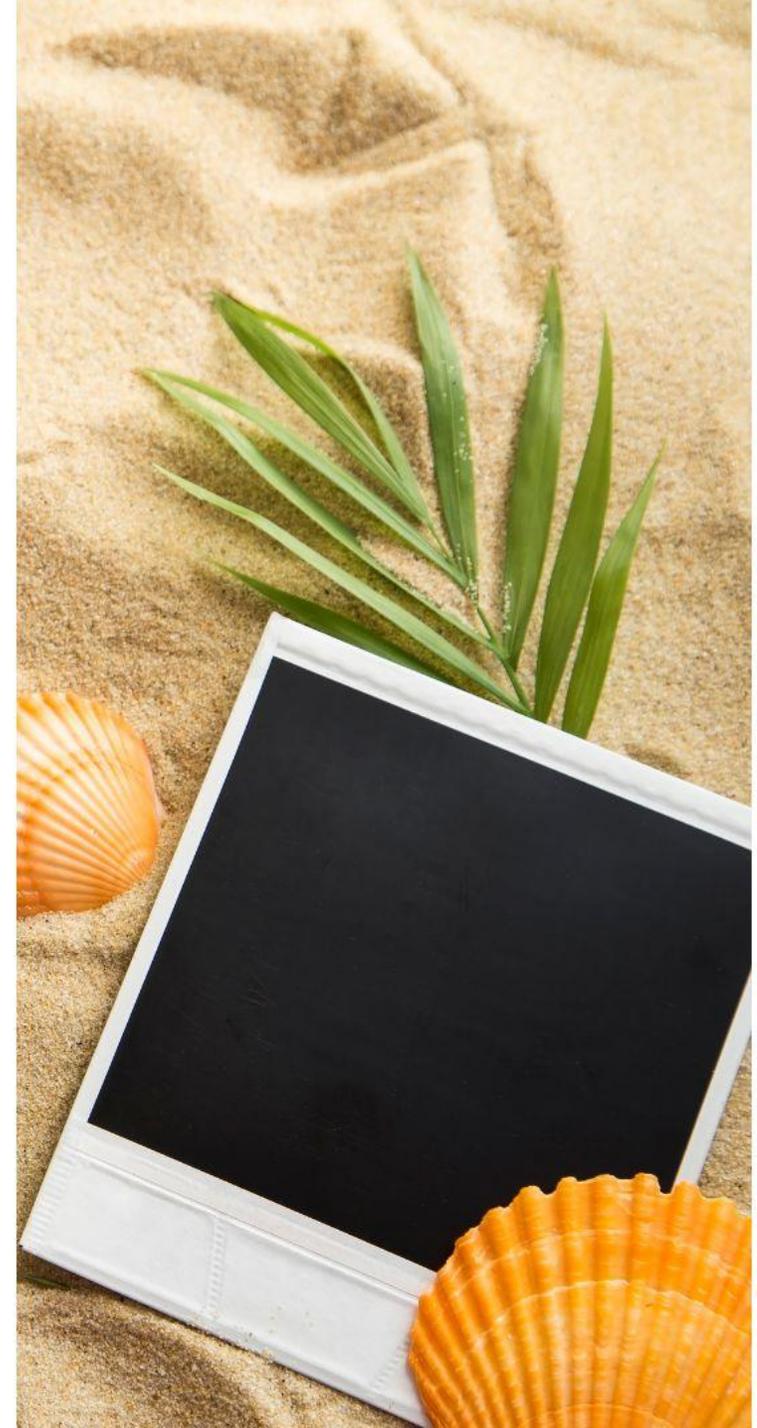


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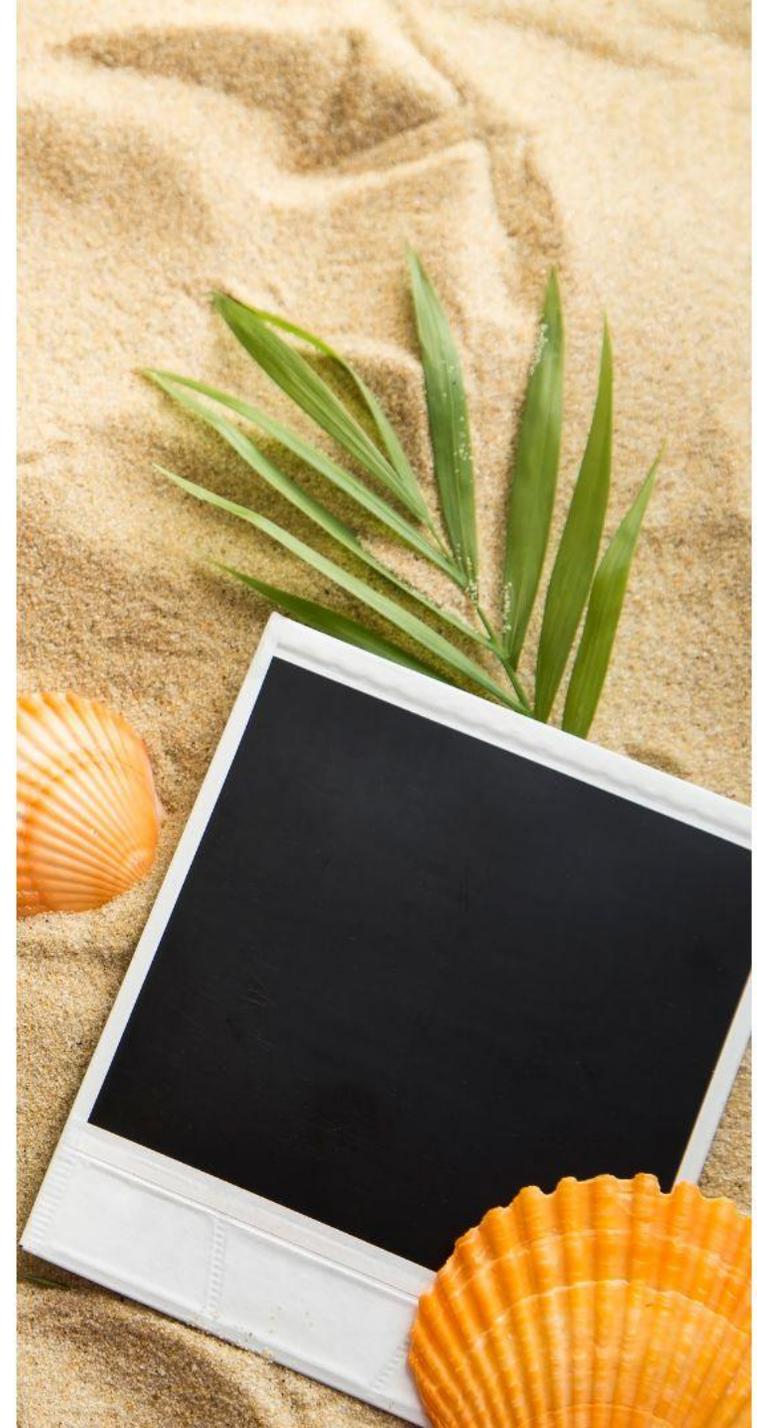


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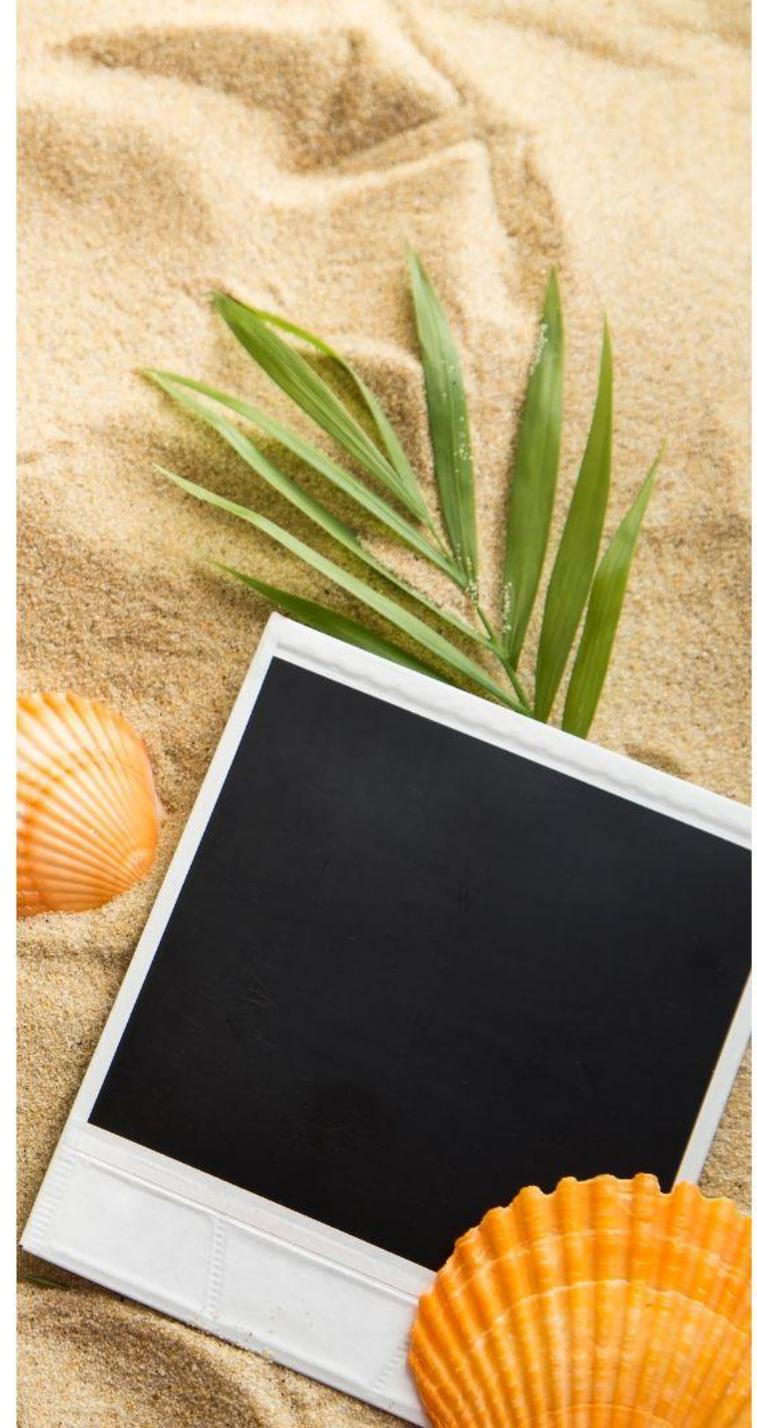
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