Prayer
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He wants us talking to God about everything!
He wants us hanging out with God.
Prayer is a two-way conversation.

It is bringing heaven into our personal history.
It is bringing eternity into our circumstances of time.
It is bringing the spiritual into our natural world.

The God of heaven is interested in our affairs here on earth.

James 5:13-*18* *Is anyone among you suffering? Let him* ***pray.*** *Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing psalms.*
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 sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven*
. 16 Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent ***prayer*** *of a righteous man avails much.*
17 Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he ***prayed*** *earnestly that it would not rain; and it did not rain on the land for three years and six months. 18 And he* ***prayed*** *again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth produced its fruit.*

But Prayer is defined as relational communication with God designed to release His will from Heaven to come into history.

Prayer is the release mechanism that God has chosen in order for us to make contact with Him in order for Him to release from heaven his purpose and desire for us here on earth. *"Our Father who art in Heaven"*

Is 65:24 "*It shall come to pass*
That before they call, I will answer;
And while they are still speaking, I will hear.

Before you call, I answer.
In other words, "I have already decided what I am going to do.
I'm just waiting for you to call".

5:13 "*Is anyone among you suffering? (to suffer hardship, affliction)*
Let him ***pray***
5:14 "*Is anyone among you sick?*
Let them ***pray***

Jn 16:33 "*These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.*"

James says, "*Let them pray" or in the Greek proseuchomai [Then] he must pray.*
get plugged in and turn on the switch

YOU MUST PRAY!

5:14 "*Is anyone among you sick?*
Let them ***pray***

He must pray, Programming that has already been decreed but is waiting for a call!

My house title is the "*House of Prayer*"

Eph 3:10 "*God's purpose in all this was to use the church to display his wisdom in its rich variety to all the unseen rulers and authorities in the heavenly places.*"

That is why every Christian is expected to be a meaningful member of a local church so that they can become a support system.

Mark 2:1-5 *"And again He entered Capernaum after some days, and it was heard that He was in the house. [2] Immediately many gathered together, so that there was no longer room to receive them, not even near the door. And He preached the word to them. [3] Then they came to Him, bringing* ***a paralytic*** *who was carried by four men. [4] And when they could not come near Him because of the crowd, they uncovered the roof where He was. So when they had broken through, they let down the bed on which* ***the paralytic*** *was lying.*
[5] When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, "Son, your sins are forgiven you."
A paralyzed man who cannot get up but he has 4 men who come along and carry him as life can paralyze you.
Vs 9-12 "*Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven you,' or to say, 'Arise, take up your bed and walk'? [10] But that you may know that the Son of Man has [b]power on earth to forgive sins"—He said to the paralytic, [11] "I say to you, arise, take up your bed, and go to your house." [12] Immediately he arose, took up the bed, and went out in the presence of them all, so that all were amazed and glorified God, saying, "We never saw anything like this!"*

James 5:15 "*And the prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven.*"
In the Bible we see different circumstances for different people.

Jn 5:1-15 "*After this there was a feast of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.* **2** *Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, which is called in Hebrew,* [a]*Bethesda, having five porches.* **3** *In these lay a great multitude of sick people, blind, lame,* [b]*paralyzed,* [c]*waiting for the moving of the water.* **4** *For an angel went down at a certain time into the pool and stirred up the water; then whoever stepped in first, after the stirring of the water, was made well of whatever disease he had.* **5** *Now a certain man was there who had an infirmity thirty-eight years.* **6** *When Jesus saw him lying there, and knew that he already had been in that condition a long time, He said to him, "Do you want to be made well?"*
7 *The sick man answered Him, "Sir, I have no man to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; but while I am coming, another steps down before me."*
8 *Jesus said to him, "Rise, take up your bed and walk."* **9** *And immediately the man was made well, took up his bed, and walked.*
And that day was the Sabbath. **10** *The Jews therefore said to him who was cured, "It is the Sabbath; it is not lawful for you to carry your bed."*
11 *He answered them, "He who made me well said to me, 'Take up your bed and walk.' "*
12 *Then they asked him, "Who is the Man who said to you, 'Take up your bed and walk'?"*
13 *But the one who was healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had withdrawn, a multitude being in that place.* **14** *Afterward Jesus found him in the temple, and said to him, "See, you have been made well. Sin no more, lest a worse thing come upon you."*
15 *The man departed and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had made him well.*

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James 5:14 "*and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord.*"

2 Kings 20:1- 5 "In those days Hezekiah was sick and near death. And Isaiah the prophet, the son of Amoz, went to him and said to him, "Thus says the Lord: 'Set your house in order, for you shall die, and not live.' "
2 Then he turned his face toward the wall, and prayed to the Lord, saying, **3** "Remember now, O Lord, I pray, how I have walked before You in truth and with a loyal heart, and have done *what was* good in Your sight." And Hezekiah wept bitterly.
4 And it happened, before Isaiah had gone out into the middle court, that the word of the Lord came to him, saying, **5** "Return and tell Hezekiah the leader of My people, 'Thus says the Lord, the God of David your father: "I have heard your prayer, I have seen your tears; surely, I will heal you.