

James 5:13-18: Livin' on a Prayer  
Putting Feet to Faith  
New Hope Community Church  
August 14, 2022

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  - A. Those who are suffering should pray
    - Suffering exposes the illusion of control
    - Prayer acknowledges our need for God to be in control
  - B. The encouraged should sing praise
    - Encouragement does not always mean total resolution
    - Singing Praise is the discipline of giving God His proper honor
- II. Leadership Responses to the exhausted person in the trials of life (14-15)
  - A. In order to elders to call you need:
    - To be committed to a local church
    - To be willing to be vulnerable in the midst of trials
  - B. James is talking about weariness to point of despair
    - We need support and outside perspective
    - We need the Spirit of God to restore us
    - We need to examine our hearts and confess sin
- III. Community responses to the trials of life (16-17)
  - A. Community confession provides support and freedom
  - B. Christian community prays for God's best
- IV. Lessons to learn
  - A. God desires to intervene on behalf of His people
  - B. We need to make the Christian community a priority
  - C. We need to discipline our prayer life

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