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FAITH WITHOUT
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Prayer That Heals
James 5:13-20

E.M. Bounds

Praying is spiritual work; and human nature does not like taxing spiritual work. Human nature wants to sail to heaven under a favoring breeze, a full smooth sea.

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➤ Pray if you are suffering. James 5:13

- When I am obstructed against my will, but want to remain faithful to the Lord. II Timothy 2:8-10

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➤ Pray if you are suffering. James 5:13

- When I am struggling to obey the Lord. II Timothy 2:3-7

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➤ Pray if you are suffering. James 5:13

- When I serve the Lord in hard circumstances. II Timothy 4:4, 5

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Pray with words of praise. James 5:13

When you are *cheerful*= euthomeo

eu= good, well,

thumos= mind, soul, or passion

You have a good mind or soul no matter the circumstances. Acts 27

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Acts 27:22-26 Cheerful=Courage

But now I urge you to keep up your courage, because not one of you will be lost; only the ship will be destroyed. Last night an angel of the God whose I am and whom I serve stood beside me and said, 'Do not be afraid, Paul. You must stand trial before Caesar; and God has graciously given you the lives of all who sail with you.' So keep up your courage, men, for I have faith in God that it will happen just as he told me. Nevertheless, we must run aground on some island.

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Phillip Brooks

*Do not pray for tasks equal to
your powers, Pray for powers
equal to you task.*

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➤ Be prayed over by the Elders

James 5:14-18

- When you are **sick**= **Weak, lack strength.** vs. 14

(See Digging Deeper for many forms of weakness in need of prayer.)

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Charles Spurgeon

Failing to bring little troubles to God is the fruit of our pride; for how do we know that our great things are so great as we think them to be? The God who stoops to us at all has already brought Himself down so low that we need not fear that we shall bring Him lower.

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Anoint with oil means—refresh, groom or honor..

Luke 7:37, 38 And there was a woman in the city who was a sinner; and when she learned that He was reclining *at the table* in the Pharisee's house, she brought an alabaster vial of perfume, and standing behind *Him* at His feet, weeping, she began to wet His feet with her tears, and kept wiping them with the hair of her head, and kissing His feet and anointing them with the perfume.

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Luke 7:44-46 *Turning toward the woman, He said to Simon, “Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave Me no water for My feet, but she has wet My feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair.*

“You gave Me no kiss; but she, since the time I came in, has not ceased to kiss My feet.

“You did not anoint My head with oil, but she anointed My feet with perfume.

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Ruth 3:1-3

Then Naomi her mother-in-law said to her, “My daughter, shall I not seek security for you, that it may be well with you? “Now is not Boaz our kinsman, with whose maids you were? Behold, he winnows barley at the threshing floor tonight.

“Wash yourself therefore, and anoint yourself and put on your best clothes, and go down to the threshing floor; but do not make yourself known to the man until he has finished eating and drinking.

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• Seek to be *restored*= vs. 15, 19, 20

(See Digging Deeper for many ways
God will “*restore*”)

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Alan Redpath

Much of our praying is just asking God to bless some folks that are ill, and to keep us plugging along. But prayer is not merely prattle. It is warfare.

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- Pray with faith to be **healed**= Elijah proves prayer works. Vs, 15-18

“Healed”= a term used for both physical and spiritual healing.

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