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Authentic Faith – James 5:16

James is pleading with us to ***pray*** (*Verse 13-18*).

Prayer isn't something good Christians are ***supposed*** to do; prayer is ***crucial*** for your life and the lives of those around you.

"*prayer*" – petition, supplication, ***request***

When James says the prayers of a righteous man, he is talking about a ***believer***. *Philippians 3:9; 1 Corinthians 1:30*

"*Righteous*" means not only a right standing ***before*** God but also in a right relationship ***with*** God.
1 Peter 3:7

James is talking about requests made to God by a person who is a believer, who is seeking to ***obey*** God, and who although he isn't perfect, is dealing with his sin by ***repentance*** and confession on a regular basis.

Prayer is "*powerful*" because it connects us to ***God***. Prayer has this power because God promises to ***hear*** and answer prayer.

"*Effective*" refers to the ability to ***get things done***.

God has established in His Word that prayer is one of the ***means*** He uses to accomplish His will here on earth.
James 5:13-15

Just because we can't understand ***how*** it all works doesn't' mean we should start denying that that is how God says it ***does*** work.

James pleads with us to pray not because we're supposed to but because the privilege of doing so unleashes the ***power*** and the ***will*** of God through us.

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