

First Baptist Church of Hampton
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Sermon Outline Closed Notes:

Sermon Scripture: James 5:13 – 18 (Good News Translation)

Message Title: Standing in the Need of Prayer!

Current/Scripture Context:

- The **power** and **prowess** of prayer is unrivaled in the world!
- And when you understand that prayer is not some **magical** and mysterious exercise, but is a **communication** with the Creator, then you don't just pray at **prescribed** times, but prayer becomes a part of who you are!
- The word prayer, in some form, is mentioned over **three** hundred times in any version of the Bible; there are about 650 prayers in the Word...so it is clear that God considers it **important**.
- In this text, James tells us that when you are in a **position** of authority and influence, which is all of us, you have a **responsibility** to **lead** the way in doing good to other people.
- James says the effectual, fervent, prayer of the **righteous** makes some stuff happen. The effective, or **energetic**, prayer is the prayer that leads you to do what you've been praying about.

Relevant Question(s):

- Since we're standing in the need of prayer, what can you expect to happen when you pray?

Sermon Observations:

1. Prayer will change your **position**!
2. Prayer will change your **production**!

Calvary Connection:

- Don't ever count Jesus out!
- Jesus died and evil thought all the **time** had run off the **clock**; they thought the **game** was over... but the Father was **drawing** up a play! Friday the clock was at **three**; Saturday it was at **two**, but with one second left Jesus got in the right **position**! With one second left, Jesus got the ball of **Salvation** in His **Hands**, and said, "I have all power!" Power over **death** and **life**; power to **change** the game!
- BONUS: Who were the Cleveland Cavaliers playing in the closing story? Hint: The team is in Florida: **Orlando Magic**