James 5:13-14 (NLT) Are any of you suffering hardships? You should pray. Are any of you happy? You should sing praises. <sup>14</sup> Are any of you sick? You should call for the elders of the church to come and pray over you, anointing you with oil in the name of the Lord.

James 5:15-16 (NLT) Such a prayer offered in faith will heal the sick, and the Lord will make you well. And if you have committed any sins, you will be forgiven. <sup>16</sup> Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results.

# Should we PRAY

James 4:13-17

What a friend we have in Jesus, All our sins and griefs to bear! What a privilege to carry Everything to God in prayer! Oh, what peace we often forfeit, Oh, what needless pain we bear, All because we do not carry, Everything to God in prayer!

Deuteronomy 6:10-12 (NIV) When the LORD your God brings you into the land He swore to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, to give you a land with large, flourishing cities you did not build, <sup>11</sup> houses filled with all kinds of good things you did not provide, wells you did not dig, and vineyards and olive groves you did not plant

### Deuteronomy 6:10-12 (NIV) <sup>11</sup> ... then when you **EAT** and **are SATISFIED**,

<sup>12</sup> be careful that you do NOT FORGET the LORD, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. If we are Convinced that God is GOOD and that He Sovereign – then we will seek to Praise God even WHILE we are Suffering.

Wiersbe

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 (NIV) Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks IN ALL circumstances, for THIS is God's WILL for you in Christ Jesus.

When Peace Like a river, attendedth my way, When sorrow like sea billows roll Whatever my lot, Thou has taught me to say, It is well, it is well, with my soul. Though Satan should buffet though trials should come, let this blessed assurance control. That Christ has regarded my helpless estate, and has shed His own blood for my soul.

It is Well (It is Well) - With my soul (With my soul) It is well, it is well with my soul. Applying of oil to the sick is a rich SYMBOLIC act – setting the sick apart to be MINISTERED to in a special way BY the Holy Spirit. 1 Thessalonians 5:14 (NIV) And we urge you, brothers, warn those who are idle, encourage the TIMID, help the WEAK, be patient with everyone.

### There are MANY different Reasons for SICKNESS

#### Some Reasons for Sickness...

- Discipline or Punishment from God for Sin
- CONSEQUENCES of MY own Sin Gal. 6:7 (NIV) Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man REAPS what he SOWS.
- To SHOW the POWER of God

## It is God who HEALS it is not our FAITH

#### There is no FORMULA or RITUAL that guarantees HEALING

1 Peter 5:6-7 (NET) And God will exalt you in due time, IF you humble yourselves under HIS mighty hand BY casting ALL your cares on HIM because HE cares for you. When we PRAY for HEALING Remember... ➢ God is SOVEREIGN God has the POWER to Act God is **ALWAYS Good** - **ALL** the **Time** God wants us to ASK for what will **HONOR** Him

### God's WILL is exactly what we would ask for IF we knew ALL the facts.

Thrasher

### We should CONFESS our Sins to each other WHEN... LAB

- we have sinned AGAINST an individual
- our sin has AFFECTED the church
- we need SUPPORT as we struggle with a sin
- we **DOUBT** God's forgiveness
- we LONG for other to PRAY with us and FOR us
- we are **FACING** ongoing Temptation

Galatians 6:1-2 (NLT) Dear brothers and sisters, if another believer is overcome by some sin, you who are godly should GENTLY and HUMBLY **HELP** that person back onto the **RIGHT** path. And be careful not to fall into the same temptation yourself.

<sup>2</sup> SHARE each other's burdens, and in this way OBEY the law of Christ.





