

# Too Weak to Pray

James 5:13-18

(series #23)

**Intro:** the context of James – suffering Christians

- James 1:2-4, 12 – trials and tribulations
- James 5:1-6 – mistreatment and possibly death
- James 5:7-12 – encouragement and instruction

## I. The Categories of People in the Body vv. 13-16

- A. Those who are suffering - pray v. 13a
- B. Those who are cheerful - sing v. 13b
- C. Those who are too weak to pray vv. 14-15
  - 1. “Sick” - “weak” v. 14
    - a. Rom. 4:19; 14:1-2,21 - weak in faith
    - b. 1<sup>st</sup> Cor. 8:9, 11-12 - spiritually weak
    - c. Acts 20:35 - weak in material resources
    - d. Romans 5:6 - “without strength
  - 2. The elders... let them pray - Acts 6:4
  - 3. Anointing - to rub, as in Luke 10:34
  - 4. “Sick” - v. 15 Hebrews 12:3
- D. Those who are close to one another v. 16

## II. The Case of Elijah vv. 17-18

- A. He was a man just like us
- B. He prayed and God answered

**Concluding Application:** Pray, pray, pray!