I. FIRST, UNDERSTAND PRAYER IS THE WAY TO RESPOND TO EVERYTHING.

A. We tend to pray just in panic situation.

B. James says to pray for everything—5:13-14a.

> James 5:13-14a
> 13 Is anyone among you in trouble? Let them pray. Is anyone happy? Let them sing songs of praise. 14 Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them…

C. Paul says this as well—Phil. 4:6 & Eph. 6:18.

II. SECOND, PRAY PRIVATELY BUT ALSO CORPORATELY.

A. This is what James says—5:14 & 16a

> James 5:14
> Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them…

> James 5:16
> …pray for each other so that you may be healed.

B. Jesus makes this point too—Matt. 18:20 & 18:18.

C. There is strength in numbers.
III. THIRD, PRAYER MAKES A DIFFERENCE

A. James confirms this truth—5:15, 16b-18.

James 5:15
And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well.

James 5:16-18
16 .....pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective. 17 Elijah was a human being, even as we are. He prayed earnestly that it would not rain, and it did not rain on the land for three and a half years. 18 Again he prayed, and the heavens gave rain, and the earth produced its crops.

B. Our relationship with God is like that of a father—I John 5:14-15.