# **Surviving Misfortune**Surviving the Challenges of Life

#### James 5:16

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Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.

— James 5:16 NKJV

# When Should I Pray?

- 1. When I am hurting emotionally (James 5:13a; Ps. 18:4).
- 2. When I am hurting physically (James 5:14-15; 2 Kings 5:3).
- 3. When I am hurting spiritually (James 5:16a; 2 Cor. 7:1).

### Who Can Pray?

- 1. People just like me (James 5:17a; Heb. 11:39)
- 2. People who have fervency (James 5:16b; John 2:17).

3. People who persevere (James 5:18; Luke 18:1-8).

## Why Are My Prayers Ineffective?

- 1. Because I don't pray (James 4:2).
- 2. Because I have the wrong <u>attitude</u> (James 4:3).
- 3. Because my life is unrighteous (James 5:16b).
- 4. Because I don't pray in faith (James 1:6; Mark 11:23-24).

