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#### Why We Pray

James 5:13-18

FULL TEXT: JAMES 5:13-18

Prayer is cultivating an ongoing relationship with God.

#### Why do we pray?

Our circumstances are our primary motivation to pray.

ThankfulnessUncertainty

• Fear/anxiety

Crisis

• Desperation

Last resort

## Why don't we pray?

Our circumstances are our primary obstacle to prayer too.

No need

Not a priority

• Skepticism/doubt

• Don't know how

• Shame

• Didn't work

FULL TEXT: John 11:35

FULL TEXT: Luke 22:42

# Why should we pray?

God designed prayer to change us and the things around us.

"In prayer, real prayer, we begin to think God's thoughts after him; to desire the things he desires, to love the things he loves. Progressively we are taught to see things from his point of view." – Richard Foster