A praying family

James 5:13-20

Beloved, for this morning's service we are going to be doing something a little different ... instead of doing our usual exegetical exposition of the text ... I am going to be reading you a story ... yes ... you heard me right ... I am going to be reading you a story ... So without further a due let us begin.

The reading will be from R.C. Sproul's book 'The barber who wanted to pray'.

And so beloved, after hearing the very wise words of Martin Luther to his barber ... and having read James' instructions on prayer ... I would like to encourage you this morning ... that at all times and in places be willing to pray ... and pray in faith ... knowing that God's will, will be done. And through our prayers ... He will comfort us and guide us ... and yes ... perhaps He will not always answer our prayers exactly the way we want them answered ... but always remember that He is all knowing ... and He knows what is best for us ... His children ... and so pray ... pray for me ... pray for your brother and sisters in Christ and pray for those who do not know Him... pray for those who love you and pray for those who curse you ... pray for the sick ... pray earnestly, with hearts devoted to our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

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