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I believe in the effectiveness of prayer. Maybe that seems simplistic. Maybe that seems naive. But I do. I believe that the prayers of God's people actually did affect Hurricane Irma and caused it to diminish faster than expected with a much lower water surge than had been feared. Perhaps some see that as an unsophisticated response, but I believe that it is true. I believe that God hears our prayers and responds to them by granting healing, taking home a loved one when we are ready, protecting our children, instilling faith, and transforming lives. That is why I pray. Not because it is somehow therapeutic or that it stills some need in me, but because it affects God and causes him to act in ways that accommodate to my needs, my hopes and my longings. Not as a magic formula that forces God to act, but simply because the child he loves has stopped all the busy-ness of life to talk with God and ask. *That's my nickel. Pastor Bob*