

## PASTOR'S NICKEL

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Last week I wrote about praying because I believe that it affects God. But what about when we pray and nothing changes? I have witnessed prayer services for someone diagnosed with cancer. I have gone into people's homes anointing them with oil and praying over them with the elders. I have prayed for the Lord to let my brother live, to take away cancer from a dear friend, to instill faith in a roommate, to stop the hurricane and prevent loss of any life. But there was no change. People died, the Lou Gehrig's disease did not slow down, my friend still shows no evidence of faith and my brother died the next day. Was my faith not strong enough? Did God ignore my request? Is God not able to act? I don't have great answers for these questions, but, like the Psalmist, I keep knocking on God's door pleading with him to act and yet trusting that God will turn to my good whatever adversity he sends my way (Psalm 13, 22, 42, 74, etc).

"Yet, I will rejoice in the Lord" (Hab. 3:18a). That's my nickel. Pastor Bob