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3. Anyone among you in the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ who is sick. *(Acts 14:23; Heb 13:17)*

***How is it accomplished?***

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2. He \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ call.

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