

Message: Persistent Prayer in the Life of Faith

Scripture: Luke 18:1-8 ESV

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Big Idea: Persistence in prayer is key to a life of faith. Though it is in many ways God's greatest gift to us as his children, often it is our most underutilized resource. If we are really going to be who God is calling us to be, prayer must become our first response rather than our last resort.

Luke 18:1-8 (ESV)

¹ *And he told them a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart.*

² *He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor respected man.*

³ *And there was a widow in that city who kept coming to him and saying, 'Give me justice against my adversary.'*

⁴ *For a while he refused, but afterward he said to himself, 'Though I neither fear God nor respect man,*

⁵ *yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will give her justice, so that she will not beat me down by her continual coming.'"*

⁶ *And the Lord said, "Hear what the unrighteous judge says.*

⁷ *And will not God give justice to his elect, who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long over them?*

⁸ *I tell you, he will give justice to them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"*

1. Persistent prayer keeps us mindful of who we are.
2. Persistent prayer keeps us grounded in who God is.

Questions for the Week

1. Who do I identify with most in the parable?
2. Is my prayer life driven more by guilt or grace?