

Lent Day 10: Friday, March 3

Luke 18:1-8

MULTIPLY YOUR PERSISTENCE

And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God bring about justice for his chosen ones, who cry out to him day and night? Will he keep putting them off? I tell you, he will see that they get justice, and quickly."

Luke 18:1-8 shares the parable of a widow who went to the king in the region where she lived, begging him to intervene in a difficult issue she was experiencing. According to the king, "even though I don't fear God or care what people think, because this widow keeps bothering me, I will see that she gets justice." Jesus used this parable to teach his disciples to be persistent in prayer. What fight did you quit because you thought you wouldn't win? Well...you need to get back in the ring because there's never a good time to quit. Ephesians 6:18 tells us to, "Stay alert and be persistent in prayer."

So, the question is:

- Do you have a prayer request that has not been answered?
- How long has it been?
- Does it feel like the Abraham-Sarah promise of a child that took so long to happen, you gave up and decided to do it yourself?

As I write this, I can think of several prayers that have taken so long to be answered, I stopped praying for that thing. Then there are the prayers that I have been asking for years.

Here's the amazing thing about God, I can honestly say he has answered every prayer. My friends don't give up! Yes, it's taking a long time, and yes, it feels like it's never going to happen, but, be encouraged, God is still in the business of answering prayers, and just like the king who got tired of the widow woman bothering him and intervened on her behalf, he will intervene on for you.

PRAYER:

*God, my Father, give me the strength to get back in ring.
Give me the stamina to be persistent in prayer, knowing that if a wicked king gives us reprieve, you will also. In
Jesus' Name...Amen.*