



Pt. 3: Hidden in Plain Sight; Parable of Persistent Prayer

So often, we get frustrated or discouraged when our prayers aren't answered. God never promised to answer all of our prayers and he never said that he would do so in our timing. What he did say is that when he does answer our prayers, he promises to do so swiftly. Jesus says that continual prayer until he comes is not only the evidence of faith, but the means of building faith until his return. Expect delayed justice, but count on seeing righteousness prevail in the end.

Bottom Line: Pray always and do not give up because God is compassionate, righteous, and loves his people.

Discussion Questions:

1. As a kid, what is something that you kept asking for? Did you eventually receive it? How did the outcome (to receive it or not) impact you?
2. In what circumstances is persistence beneficial?
3. Why do you think people stop praying?
4. **Read Luke 18:1–5.** In your own words, how is the widow resilient? Can you relate? Why or why not?
5. **Read Luke 18:7-8.** What value is there in praying continuously even when God's response is delayed?
6. **Read 2 Thessalonians 1:5-11.** This passage speaks to a just God and how evil will be dealt with. What encouragement does this passage present to the reader?
7. What does this parable in **Luke** teach you about what your prayer life should be like?
8. How can your group support you this week?
9. What has been the most helpful thought/idea from the message this week? How has that thought/idea helped you?