

40 Days of Prayer
“Pray Now”
Luke 18:1-8
January 14, 2024

“Then Jesus told them a parable to show them they should always pray and not lose heart.” ~ Luke 18:1

Sermon Points:

1. The Book
 - a. The book of Luke was written to Theophilus (Luke 1:4)
 - b. The book of Luke was written to encourage Theophilus.

2. What Are Our Deepest Longings?
 - a. Parable of the Persistent Widow
 - b. Are we losing heart for prayer?

3. The Parable Narrative
 - a. Jesus “shows” them the parable to encourage them to pray.
 - b. Jesus shows his disciples a very important principle about prayer through the parable.
 - c. The 3 characters of the parable
 - i. The Judge
 - ii. The Widow
 - iii. The Adversary

4. What Is Jesus Showing the Disciples and the Church in This Parable?
 - a. Jesus shows the “persistent widow.”
 - b. Jesus also shows the unrighteous judge.

5. What Is Jesus Showing Us in This Parable?
 - a. He sees us.**
 - b. He does listen.**
 - c. He loves us.**

6. What Is Jesus Showing Us About Our Part?
 - a. We should always pray!
 - b. We should not give up!

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What can we take away from this parable individually and collectively?

What has Jesus shown you today through this parable?

What deep longings are you sensing He wants you to ask Him about and to keep asking?

Where is there an injustice that God has put on your heart to push into prayer for?

Are there things you could be bringing to Him as a Church?

Where is there injustice in a people group not having the gospel?

Can we begin to pray now for these things?

Can we pray and not give up until there is an answer?
