**PARABLES OF PERSISTENT PRAYER**

**Luke 18:1-8, Luke 11:5-13**

**WAVE CHURCH SD | MAY 12, 2019**

**DON'T GIVE UP!**

**Luke 17:22-30 (NLT)** *22Then he said to his disciples, “The time is coming when you will long to see the day when the Son of Man returns, but you won’t see it. 23People will tell you, ‘Look, there is the Son of Man,’ or ‘Here he is,’ but don’t go out and follow them. 24For as the lightning flashes and lights up the sky from one end to the other, so it will be on the day when the Son of Man comes. 25But first the Son of Man must suffer terribly and be rejected by this generation. 26“When the Son of Man returns, it will be like it was in Noah’s day. 27In those days, the people enjoyed banquets and parties and weddings right up to the time Noah entered his boat and the flood came and destroyed them all. 28“And the world will be as it was in the days of Lot. People went about their daily business—eating and drinking, buying and selling, farming and building—29until the morning Lot left Sodom. Then fire and burning sulfur rained down from heaven and destroyed them all. 30Yes, it will be ‘business as usual’ right up to the day when the Son of Man is revealed.*

**TWO MARKS OF LIFE BEFORE JESUS RETURNS**:

OBLIVIOUS LIVING | SUDDEN DISASTER

**Luke 18:1 (ESV)** *And he told them a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart.*

IT TAKES LITTLE FAITH TO PRAY ONCE;

IT TAKES GENUINE FAITH TO KEEP PRAYING.

**Luke 18:2-8 (ESV)** *2He said, “In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor respected man. 3And there was a widow in that city who kept coming to him and saying, ‘Give me justice against my adversary.’ 4For a while he refused, but afterward he said to himself, ‘Though I neither fear God nor respect man, 5yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will give her justice, so that she will not beat me down by her continual coming.’ ” 6And the Lord said, “Hear what the unrighteous judge says. 7And will not God give justice to his elect, who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long over them? 8I tell you, he will give justice to them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?”*

**LESSONS FROM THE PERSISTENT WIDOW**

* GOD IS NOT AN UNJUST JUDGE
* WE ARE NOT ANNOYING CHILDREN

**Luke 11:5-13 (ESV)** *5And he said to them, “Which of you who has a friend will go to him at midnight and say to him, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves, 6for a friend of mine has arrived on a journey, and I have nothing to set before him’; 7and he will answer from within, ‘Do not bother me; the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed. I cannot get up and give you anything’? ... 9And I tell you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. 10For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. 11What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent; 12or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? 13If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”*

**A LESSON FROM THE UNWELCOMED NEIGHBOR**

* GOD IS NOT INCONVENIENCED BY OUR NEEDS

THE BASIS OF PRAYER IS NOT OUR PERSISTENCE, QUALITY, OR AMOUNT, BUT THE CHARACTER OF GOD.

**WHY SHOULD WE PRAY AND NOT GIVE UP?**

GOD IS A LOVING FATHER. HE IS NOT UNJUST OR INDIFFERENT TO OUR NEEDS.  
  
HOPE IS NOT LOST; GOD IS NOT DONE YET.  
  
PRAY UNTIL SOMETHING HAPPENS

* PRAY UNTIL OUR CIRCUMSTANCES CHANGE
* PRAY UNTIL YOU CHANGE

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WAVE LADIES’ NIGHT | May 17th**

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