

WHAT IS YOUR RESPONSE TO TODAY'S MESSAGE?:

WHAT IS GOD CALLING YOU TO DO ?

WOULD YOU LIKE TO SHARE WITH US

WHAT GOD IS CALLING YOU TO DO?

WRITE IT HERE, TEAR OFF AND GIVE TO A PASTOR OR ELDER AND LET US PRAY FOR YOU. LET US THRIVE TOGETHER.

NOTES: A FAITHFUL PRAYER LIFE



THRIVING , MULTIPLYING, JOY-FILLED

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PASTOR'S NOTES – 1. 20. 2019
SERIES: Come Let us Hear the BEAUTIFUL TEACHER

THIS WEEK: A FAITHFUL PRAYER LIFE
The Discipline of Faithful Persistence

LORD'S SUPPER:
DEEPER WORSHIPFUL PRAYER

“...Will not God grant justice to His elect who cry out to Him day and night? Will He delay to help them? . . .” Luke 18: 7

OUR VISION FOR ABC:

TO BE THRIVING, MULTIPLYING, JOY-FILLED FOLLOWERS OF CHRIST –GROWING DEEPER IN OUR UNDERSTANDING OF GOD.

THE MAIN POINT FOR TODAY:

Deepening intimacy with God leads us to understand a God who relishes a deeper, more persistent life of prayerful faith.

INTIMACY LEADS ME TO A MORE PERSISTENT FAITH

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A FAITHFUL PRAYER LIFE
The Discipline of Faithful Persistence
Luke 18:1-8

Intro: Stories of Intimate Persistence

DISCIPLINES ARE NEVER AN END TO THEMSELVES.

ULTIMATELY WE DON'T PRAY TO CHECK A BOX, TO MEET OUR NEEDS, OR TO HAVE OUR WAY. WE PRAY TO MEET GOD AND TO KNOW HIS HEART.

A STUDY OF CONTRASTS

1. DON'T BE DISCOURAGED— v. 1

A CALL TO COURAGE— _____

WE ARE NOT THAT _____ !

- NOT KNOWN vs. A CHILD OF THE KING

- NO ADVOCATE vs. ADVOCATE/ _____

- NO PROMISE TO CLAIM vs. GOD'S WORD

I JOHN 2:1 HEBREWS 17:18

HAVE I ALLOWED DISCOURAGEMENT WITH GOD AND HIS ANSWERS TO LESSEN MY PRAYER LIFE ?

2. KEEP SEEKING JUSTICE - v. 3

A CALL TO _____ AND _____

WE ARE NOT _____ .

- NOT SEEKING YOUR OWN/ VENGEANCE

- BUT _____

HAVE I ALLOWED MY OWN SENSE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS TO HINDER GOD FROM HIS GREATER WORK?

3. KNOW GOD INTIMATELY — vv. 6, 7

A CALL TO CONSTANT CONTACT

GOD IS NOT THAT _____ !

- NOT BECAUSE HE _____

- BUT BECAUSE HE DOES

HAS MY VIEW OF GOD DIMINISHED IN ANY WAY AND IN THIS ALLOWED MY PRAYER LIFE TO DIE?

4. BE PATIENTLY PERSISTENT —vv. 7, 8

A CALL TO _____ PERSISTENCE

GOD'S TIMING IS NOT OUR TIMING.

NOT DELAYS OF _____

- BUT OF PREPARATION

REQUESTS ARE ALWAYS ANSWERED AND CARRIED OUT WITH OUR BEST INTEREST IN MIND

ROM. 8:28 I JOHN 5: 14, 15

DO I ALLOW MY IMPATIENCE WITH GOD, HIS TIMING AND ACTIONS LESSEN MY INTIMACY?



"... Give me justice against my adversary..." Lk 18:3

NOTES—LUKE 18: 1-8

QUESTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

1. How would my attitude change about prayer if I really saw it as a way to intimacy with God?
2. In what ways does my focus in prayer need to better reflect the heart of God—justice not vengeance etc.?
3. What is my view of God and how is it represented by the way I pray?
4. How has discipline in prayer and my method of prayer been hampered by my impatience with God?

Prayer is interpersonal communication between two individuals. In Scripture, it matters far less HOW, WHEN, and WHAT you say than how well you know Him to whom you pray. - W. Bingham Hunter

God answers prayer in the best way, not sometimes, but every time, although the immediate manifestation of the answer in the domain in which we want it may not always follow. - Oswald Chambers

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