

Group/Individual Study

Series - The Greatest Stories Ever Told: The Persistent Widow

Passages: Luke 18:1-8, Daniel 3:17-18, Luke 22:42

REFLECT on the message heard on Sunday, 7/8

1. Read Luke 18:1 What is Jesus purpose in telling this parable? What tendencies in human nature is he trying to overcome? Do you find it easy or hard to persist in prayer? Why?
2. Read Luke 18:1-8. What point do you think Jesus is trying to make by contrasting our loving God with an unjust and uncompassionate judge?
3. In the parable, why does the judge finally give the widow justice? Why does our good God answer our prayers?
4. What spiritual ends does it sometimes accomplish when we have to endure and persist in prayer - rather than getting an answer right away? Have you ever experienced God doing a deep work in you while you were waiting for prayers to be answered? Explain.
5. Read Luke 18:8. This verse implies that Jesus wants to find faith in the hearts of his children. How does an attitude of faith manifest itself in how we pray? In what we pray for? In our attitude as we pray?
6. Read Daniel 3:17-18 & Luke 22:42. What aspects of what faith-filled and God-honoring prayer do you see in these verses? How does it take faith to believe God can deliver? How does it take faith to say, "Not my will but your will be done"?