

MESSAGES

DON'T GIVE UP

STORIES WORTH LIVING, THE GOSPEL OF LUKE PART 6 | PASTOR JASON WEBB

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KEY QUESTION: WHERE HAVE YOU GIVEN UP?

"Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up." (Luke 18:1)

I. Keep Praying...Because God is still Listening (Luke 18:2-5; Exodus 22:22, Isaiah 1:17, Romans 12:12)

Remember: Persistence pays off

II. Keep Praying...Because Prayer is Still Powerful (Revelation 8, James 5:16)

"History belongs to the intercessors—those who believe and pray the future into being."

-Walter Wink

III. Keep Praying...Because You are Still Loved (Luke 18:6-8)

God will answer your prayers in one of two ways:

1. He will change the situation for you
2. He will change you for the situation

Both answers are miracles

KEY QUESTION: WILL GOD FIND FAITH?

STUDY GUIDE

1. Think of a time when you wanted to give up, but you didn't. How did God help you through that?
2. Where in your life right now do you feel like giving up?
 - Relationship?
 - Dream?
 - Work?
 - Health situation?
 - Something else?
3. In Luke 18 Jesus makes it clear that part of life is waiting for answers. Why is this so hard for us to do? What temptations are there to drift from God during those waiting times?
4. Jesus makes it clear that we are to keep asking and asking during our times when we are not getting an answer like this widow did. What is your response to that? Read Romans 12:12. What does Paul have to say about persistence in prayer?
5. It is easy in life to think that prayer is powerful...for other people but not us. What gets in the way of people (and you!) believing that prayer is the most powerful weapon we have?
6. Revelation 8 says that when we pray, heaven stops and listens. How does this change your view of prayer? Read James 5:13-18. How do James words influence this discussion?
7. The key to keep praying when we want to give up is our view of God. What does Jesus have to say about this in Luke 18:6-7. How does a view of God as our loving heavenly Father change our view of prayer?
8. Jason said that God will answer prayers in one of two ways: 1) He will change the situation for you; or 2) He will change you for the situation and that both are miracles. How have you experienced either one (or both) of these in your life?
9. What bold prayer have you given up on that you need to keep asking of God? Spend time praying and asking God.

READING PLAN

To encourage us together in our growth with God, we arranged a weekday reading plan through this series. As you read each day, ask God to speak to you from His word.

Monday, July 24	Luke 18:1-8
Tuesday, July 25	Luke 11:5-13
Wednesday, July 26	Revelation 6:9-17
Thursday, July 27	Matthew 7:7-12
Friday, July 28	Jeremiah 29:10-14

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