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The Just Judge!

Focus Verse: Hebrews 11:6 - But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

Lesson Text: Luke 18:1-8; Hebrews 11:6

Truth About God: God is just.

Truth For My Life: I will persistently pray for justice.

God hears and answers our prayers, but sometimes He waits for us to ask in faith a few times. During those times our prayers come up as a memorial before Him like they did for centurion Cornelius. Only God knows the untold number of unanswered prayers simply because people stopped one prayer away from receiving their answer.

What if the intercession you have made for a lost family member or friend is only one prayer away from an answer? What if the healing you need in your body is only a handful of more prayers away from coming up before the throne of God as a memorial? What if the revival our church has been praying about is one more passionate, corporate prayer meeting from being born into existence? **Don't stop praying.** Keep laying up one prayer after another. In God's perfect time, we will take our answer home.

Although the judge had power to help others, he was unwilling. The widow in Luke 18, she had suffered. She was married, but she had already buried her husband. Now we find out she had enemies who were trying to take away her land. Unfortunately for a desperate widow, this judge neither feared God nor had any regard for even the most desperate people in his jurisdiction. This judge was driven by his own comfort more than by a sense of justice. His cold heart has earned him the moniker of "**the unjust judge.**" She was powerless without help from the judge. Jesus simply repeated her constant refrain to the unjust judge: "*Avenge me of mine adversary*" (Luke 18:3). The judge finally granted her request because of her persistence.

In a world that is becoming increasingly obsessed with social justice, economic justice, and environmental justice, we as children of God must commit to tirelessly seek the Lord for wrongs to be righted either here and now or when Jesus returns. There is no need to downgrade pure justice by categorizing it. God loves justice, and He calls us to do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with Him (Micah 6:8). Do not allow people with selfish motives to pervert justice. Our God is the God of perfect justice.

We must be willing to continually bombard Heaven with our pleas and never grow weary in praying for the will of God to be performed. We must understand that if we take on the posture of the widow in prayer, we should be confident our heavenly Father will grant our request. We have the promise from Jesus that when we show persistence in our prayers. He will "*avenge his own elect, which cry day and night unto him, though he bear long with them*" (Luke 18:7).

The Word of God declares: "*He is the Rock, his work is perfect: for all his ways are judgment: a God of truth and without iniquity, just and right is he*" (Deuteronomy 32:4). Additionally, the Lord, who cannot lie, described Himself as "*a just God and a Saviour*" (Isaiah 45:21). Jesus also taught: "*If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him?*" (Matthew 7:11).

We must trust that God will right all wrongs—some now, and some on that glorious day when He shall wipe away all tears from our eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying (Revelation 21:4). To receive all these promises, we have to live by faith because "*without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him*" (Hebrews 11:6).

You have been praying for someone to return to God. **Do not stop praying.** You may be one more prayer away from helping someone fight and win the spiritual battle they don't have the strength to fight. **Pray and keep praying.** Our just is just, He listens to our prayers, and when His time is right. He will move His hand to answer because He is God, and He is good.