



Listening Guide
Sunday, May 31, 2020
Godliness through Grace
Persistence in Prayer
Luke 18:1-8

Luke 18:1-8 - And he told them a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart. 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?"

1. **Remember** _____!

Psalm 37:28

1 Peter 3:12

2. **Remember** _____.

Romans 8:29

Romans 12:2

Ephesians 4:23

3. **Persevere** _____.

Psalm 34:17-18

When we think He is not listening...

David in Psalm 31:22

I had said in my alarm,

"I am cut off from your sight."

But you heard the voice of my pleas for mercy
when I cried to you for help.



Application Guide
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Home Group/Study Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the truths we are learning.

Large Group

1. Was there any passage of scripture or statement in the message today that was particularly meaningful to you?

Small Group

Have you ever thought of God as uncaring? Sometimes we tend to think that God doesn't love us when it seems He isn't answering our prayers. That is why it is important to remember who God is, that He does care. As believers there are some things that can help us to "always pray and not lose heart."

2. Read **Psalm 61:1-3**. Verse 2 has a request that we can neglect, when it seems God is not answering our prayers. It is "*lead me to the rock that is higher than I.*" Why is it important to turn to God, rather than away from Him, when we begin to lose heart?
3. **Psalm 61:3** turns our attention to the things God has done in the past. What is the benefit of remembering how God has dealt with us in the past, particularly when facing today's frustrations?
4. Pastor Marty said that one of the ways God changes us is by our prayer life. Why is it so vital, as we become more mature in our faith, that we begin to view prayer as less of a wish list and more of a relationship?
5. Read **Matthew 6:5-15**. In this passage Jesus is teaching about prayer. How would you, based on this teaching, describe the kind of praying that pleases God?