

Series: "LONG STORY SHORT"  
Part 6: "IT'S NOT SUPPOSED TO BE THIS WAY"  
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Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up. <sup>2</sup> He said: "In a certain town there was a judge who neither feared God nor cared what people thought. <sup>3</sup> And there was a widow in that town who kept coming to him with the plea, 'Grant me justice against my adversary.' <sup>4</sup> "For some time he refused. But finally he said to himself, 'Even though I don't fear God or care what people think, <sup>5</sup> yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will see that she gets justice, so that she won't eventually come and attack me!'" <sup>6</sup> And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. <sup>7</sup> And will not God bring about justice for his chosen ones, who cry out to him day and night? Will he keep putting them off? <sup>8</sup> I tell you, he will see that they get justice, and quickly. However, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?"

Luke 18:1-8 (NIV)

**The Big Idea: The answer to injustice and suffering in our world is \_\_\_\_\_, expressed in \_\_\_\_\_**

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Luke 18:4-5 (NIV)

**Why Persist in Prayer?**

1. Because of \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>8</sup> But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Romans 5:8 (NIV)

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Luke 18:6-8a (NIV)

2. Because of \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>32</sup> Since he did not spare even his own Son but gave him up for us all, won't he also give us everything else?

Romans 8:32 (NIV)

<sup>22</sup> Then he said to his disciples, "The time is coming when you will long to see one of the days of the Son of Man, but you will not see it. <sup>23</sup> People will tell you, 'There he is!' or 'Here he is!' Do not go running off after them. <sup>24</sup> For the Son of Man in his day will be like the lightning, which flashes and lights up the sky from one end to the other. <sup>25</sup> But first he must suffer many things and be rejected by this generation.

<sup>26</sup> "Just as it was in the days of Noah, so also will it be in the days of the Son of Man. <sup>27</sup> People were eating, drinking, marrying and being given in marriage up to the day Noah entered the ark. Then the flood came and destroyed them all.

Luke 17:22-27 (NIV)

However, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?"

Luke 18:8b (NIV)

3. Because our \_\_\_\_\_

4. Because \_\_\_\_\_

Sermon Notes:

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