

**Series: FOLLOW ME**  
**Part 11: "PERSISTENT PRAYER"**  
**Crossroads Community Church**  
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<sup>1</sup>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.

Luke 18:1-8 (NIV)

**Big Idea:**

- **Keep \_\_\_\_\_ to God, because He \_\_\_\_\_ you like crazy**

**3 Prayer Lessons From 3 Different Characters:**

**1. The Widow: \_\_\_\_\_ happens first**

<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.'

Luke 18:3 (NIV)

- **Fake news:** I got this.

**2. The Judge: \_\_\_\_\_ pays off**

<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!'"

Luke 18:4-5 (NIV)

- **Fake news:** I'll just toss one up.

**3. The Lord: God may wait, but he will \_\_\_\_\_**

<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.

Luke 18:6-8 (NIV)

- **Fake news:** God doesn't care.

<sup>9</sup>"Which of you, if your son asks for bread, will give him a stone? <sup>10</sup>Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake? <sup>11</sup>If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him!

Matthew 7:9-11 (NIV)

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Luke 18:1 (NIV)

**Sermon Notes:**

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