

First Baptist Church – Odessa

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Date: _____

“Never Out of the Fight”

21 Days of Prayer and Fasting – Pt. 4

Luke 18:1-8 & Selected

“_____ is the very life-breath of a true Christian.”

J.C. Ryle

I can Pray and Not Lose Heart...

I. When I _____ the encouraging words of Jesus.

“And He told them a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart.” Vs. 1

“Pray without ceasing.” 1 Thessalonians 5:17

*“Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer.”
Romans 12:12*

*“Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving.”
Colossians 4:2*

“Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.” Matthew 7:7

II. When I _____ the nature of the battle.

“He said, ‘In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor respected man. And there was a widow in that city who kept coming to Him and saying, ‘Give me justice against my adversary.’ For a while he refused, but afterward he said to himself, ‘Though I neither fear God nor respect man, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will give her justice, so that she will not beat me down by her continual coming.’” Vs. 2-5

The Battle Explained:

- **The powerful Judge who could care _____!**
- **The persistent Widow who had nothing to _____!**

III. When I understand the _____ of my Commander.

"And the Lord said, 'Hear what the unrighteous judge says. And will God not give justice to His elect, who cry to Him day and night? Will He delay long over them?'" Vs. 6, 7

See Psalm 86:1-7

"The Lord is not slow to fulfill His promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance." 2 Peter 3:9

IV. When I _____ my justice will come speedily.

"I tell you, He will give justice to them speedily." Vs. 8a

"But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed." 2 Peter 3:10

"Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect." Matthew 24:44

V. When I _____ to stay in the fight until my Savior comes.

"Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will He find faith on earth?" Vs. 8b

"He who testifies to these things says, 'Surely I am coming soon.' Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!" Revelation 22:20