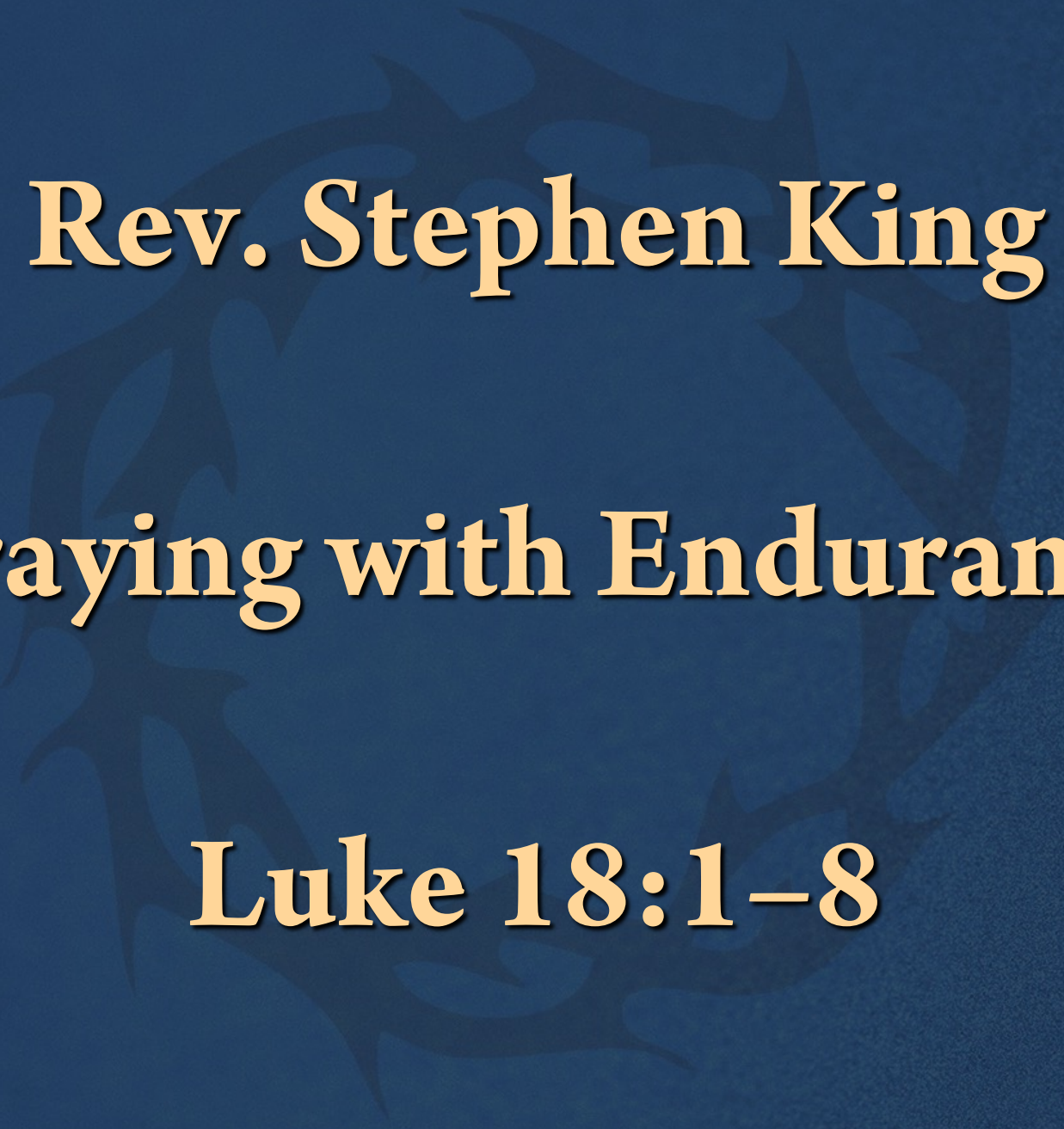




Rev. Stephen King

“Praying with Endurance”

Luke 18:1–8

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“Praying with Endurance”

I. The Point

II. The People

III. The Point Behind the Point

IV. The Practice of Praying

I. The Point

Reasons why we lose heart:

1. We are not conditioned for it.
2. We do not believe it helps.

“It is hard enough to pray at all, let alone to keep on praying until we get God’s answer... sometimes we stop praying because we lose heart. God does not answer our prayers the way we think he ought to. We pray for the sick, but they are not healed. We pray for God to provide, but we are still out of work. We pray for someone to get saved, and he or she keeps running away from God. We pray for a partner, but we are still alone. Soon we start to wonder whether God is listening, and eventually we may get discouraged that we stop asking God for help at all.”

- Philip Ryken

II. The People

1. The Judge

2. The Widow



III. The Point Behind the Point

What type of faith is Jesus talking about?

1. What it is NOT: Pestering a reluctant God
2. What it is: Continual trust in the character and goodness of God demonstrated by a lifestyle of prayer

Truths to anchor us while we wait:

1. The cross shouts that God is for us (Rom. 8:32).
2. We pray to a God who prays for us (Rom. 8:24 & 26-27).
3. God promises to work towards our good (Rom. 8:28-29).

“Understanding that God’s primary goal for our prayers is our spiritual transformation helps explain why he may delay his response to some requests. We may want a change in our circumstances, when God wants a change in us.”

- Bryan Chappell, *Praying Backwards*, 134

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4. Check our motives while we wait (Jam. 4:23).
5. His answer is bigger than we can understand (Eph. 3:20).

“Some prayers are followed by silence because they are wrong, others because they are bigger than we can understand. It will be a wonderful moment for some of us when we stand before God and find that the prayers we clamored for in early days and imagined were never answered, have been answered in the most amazing way, and that God’s silence has been the sign of the answer.”

- Oswald Chambers

IV. The Practice of Praying

Examples/ideas:

1. A.C.T.S. prayer model

Seeing Jesus in Solitude

Date _____ Chapter(s) _____

1. CONNECT with your heart.

2. SURRENDER through Prayer.

3. LISTEN to the Scriptures.

4. MEDITATE on a portion of the Scriptures.

Reference _____

Meditations _____

Occasionally review pages 7-13 for Teaching on Why we do this.

Seeing Jesus in Solitude

5. PRAY through your Pen.

Adoration

Praise the Father for His Attributes and Actions

Confession

Acknowledge your Sinfulness, Folly and Limitations

Thanksgiving

Thank Jesus for Past, Present and Future Salvation

Supplication

Ask the Spirit to Transform you in particular ways

6. DISCERN "Next Steps."

7. SHARE with Gospel Community.

Frequently review pages 14-15 for Instructions on How we do this.

IV. The Practice of Praying

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1. A.C.T.S. prayer model
2. Prayer Notecards