

DESPERATE MEASURES

People who are desperate for God never stop praying to God.

Luke 18:1–8 – One day Jesus told his disciples a story to show that they should always pray and never give up. “There was a judge in a certain city,” he said, “who neither feared God nor cared about people. A widow of that city came to him repeatedly, saying, ‘Give me justice in this dispute with my enemy.’ The judge ignored her for a while, but finally he said to himself, ‘I don’t fear God or care about people, but this woman is driving me crazy. I’m going to see that she gets justice, because she is wearing me out with her constant requests!’”

Then the Lord said, “Learn a lesson from this unjust judge. Even he rendered a just decision in the end. So don’t you think God will surely give justice to his chosen people who cry out to him day and night? Will he keep putting them off? I tell you, he will grant justice to them quickly! But when the Son of Man returns, how many will he find on the earth who have faith?”

To persist in prayer:

Get the right perspective of God.

- The lie: God is mean.
- The truth: God is always just and good.
 - Psalm 145:9; Jeremiah 33:3; Romans 8:28
- The lie: God ignores my prayers.
- The truth: God always hears and answers on time.
 - Psalm 34:15; Exodus 22:22–23
- The lie: God does not care.
- The truth: God cares and has the best interest for us.
 - 1 Peter 5:7; Isaiah 41:10

While we wait for the Son of Man’s return, faith is evidenced in persistent prayer.

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Make a commitment to God.

1. Pray boldly!
 - o Hebrews 4:16; Ephesians 3:19-20
2. Pray regularly.
 - o Colossians 4:2; 1 Thessalonians 5:13
3. Pray from a biblically informed mind.
 - o Acts 17:11

Takeaways:

1. What is your faith quotient?
 - o Luke 17:5; Mark 9:24
2. What is your persistent request before God?
 - o Philippians 4:6-7
3. Don't give up!
 - o Galatians 6:9

Coming soon:

1. **The Gospel-Shaped Marriage:** As Christians, the reality of the Gospel ought to impact every fiber of our being, including our marriages. Whether you are thinking about getting married one day or have been married for decades, join us starting Wednesday, February 4, at 6:15 pm.
2. **Next-Level Relationships:** Life is made up of relationships—from home, to work, to school, to church, and everything in between. No relationship is perfect. Join us next week, February 8, as we kick off this new sermon series that impacts all of us.
3. **DRC 101:** If you would like to discover how to become a member of DRC, why we exist, and how to live out our mission, join us next Sunday, February 8, during the 9:15 am service. Sign up at danriverchurch.org/membership.
4. **Upcoming Events:** Add these to your calendar: 1) **Super Bowl Sunday:** February 8. Wear your favorite team gear. 2) **Baptism Sunday:** February 22. 3) **DNOW '26:** For 6th-12th grade students. March 6-8.