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Be Persistent
Luke 18:1-6

Have you ever felt tempted to give up? When?

Have you ever felt tempted to give up on God? When?

Parable of the Persistent Widow

Luke 18:1-8 *Now He was telling them a parable to show that at all times they ought to pray and not to lose heart, 2 saying, "In a certain city there was a judge who did not fear God and did not respect man. 3 There was a widow in that city, and she kept coming to him, saying, 'Give me legal protection from my opponent.' 4 For a while he was unwilling; but afterward he said to himself, 'Even though I do not fear God nor respect man, 5 yet because this widow bothers me, I will give her legal protection, otherwise by continually coming she will wear me out.'"*

Parable's Point:

Two Characters:

1. Wicked Judge
2. Poor Widow

How does this poor widow win?

Jesus' Explanation of the Parable

Luke 18:6-8 *And the Lord said, "Hear what the unrighteous judge said; 7 now, will not God bring about justice for His elect who cry to Him day and night, and will He delay long over them? 8 I tell you that He will bring about justice for them quickly. However, when the Son of Man comes, will He find faith on the earth?"*

Jesus compares:

Jesus contrasts:

Jesus' Point:

Doggy Bag: Something to take home and chew on!

1. Where am I currently tempted to give up on God?
2. What would it look like to "pray and not lose heart"?
3. How persistent am I in my Spiritual life?
4. How does my Spiritual persistence compare with my persistence at work, home or with my investments?
5. What does my persistence in prayer reveal about my faith in God to act?
6. When Christ comes where will He find faith in your life?

