**Luke 18:1-8**

**Persistent Faithfulness**

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1. **Persistent faithfulness is not guaranteed**

Jesus questions whether he will find citizens of God’s Kingdom still being faithful to his rule at his calamitous return to establish the fully realized universal Kingdom of God.

*Kingdom citizens’ persistent faithfulness to God’s rule in the face of pressures to conform to the kingdom of darkness’s present evil rule is not an automatic given.*

1. **Persistent Divine faithfulness is certain**

If the corrupt uncaring judge eventually caves into a persistent widow’s cries for justice, how much more quickly will caring and just God respond to the cries of his people?

*Our caring and just God is faithful to quickly respond to his Kingdom citizens’ cries in response to evil’s compromising pressures, cries ultimately answered with King Jesus’ imminent return.*

1. **Persistent Faith achieves astonishing faithfulness**

If the powerless widow refused to be victimized, how much more should God’s people refuse evil’s pressures to conform through prayers of persistent faith in their caring and just God?

*Kingdom citizens achieve astonishing faithfulness in the face of evil’s compromising opposition while waiting for Jesus’ return through warrior prayers of persistent faith in their caring and just faithful God.*

**Summary:**

**Prayers of persistent faith in God’s faithful care and justice enables them to be found persistently faithful at King Jesus’ return despite this world’s evil pressures to conform to its rule.**

**Assignment**

1. Read Ephesians 6:10-13
2. What are some common pushbacks designed to undermine our faithfulness to King Jesus that the enemy implements through other people?
3. What other things may the enemy directly employ to try and disrupt our faithfulness to King Jesus’ rule?
4. What are some common temptations, pulls the enemy employs to pull us back from being faithful to the Lord?
5. Which of the enemy’s above tactics have you been most frequently pressured by to give up on submitting to Jesus’ rule?
6. Which one of these tactics is the current or most current one that the enemy has used against you?
7. What are some ways in which our faithful God quickly responds to our cries for reinforcement under enemy fire?
8. God is faithful to quickly answer the cries for help from his people in their battle to remain faithful till King Jesus’ return. But what it you have already sinned and become unfaithful? Is it over? What can you do?
9. Read Ephesians 6: 18-20 and Luke 11:2-4

With these scriptures in mind and the answers shared from 1 e, spend some time praying for one another.