



Riverstone
BAPTIST CHURCH

Sermon Based Questions

Date- Sunday 22nd August 2021
Series-King & his Kingdom pr 10
(Luke 18:1-14)

Persistence, humility and vindication!

4 "For some time he refused. But finally he said to himself, 'Even though I don't fear God or care what people think, 5 yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will see that she gets justice, so that she won't eventually come and attack me!'" Luke 18:4-5

1. **Persistence, humility and the call to faithful prayer.** Lk 18:1-14.

2 Parables

A persistent widow and an indifferent judge. Luke 18:1-8.

Jesus told a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up. Vs 1.

A Pharisee & a tax collector. Luke 18:9-14.

To some who were confident of their own righteousness. Vs 9.

A. Examining the texts.

1. Read Luke 18:1. What reason did Jesus have for giving us this parable?
2. Read Luke 18:2-9. What kind of man was the judge in this story?
3. Read Luke 18:2-9. How did the woman respond to the judge and what was the outcome?
4. Read Luke 18:10-14. Who did Jesus direct this parable toward?
5. Read Luke 18:10-14. How did the pharisee approach God? How did the tax collector approach God?
6. What conclusion does Jesus make from this second parable?

B. Meditation & application

7. Given the purpose of the parable what would it look like for you to become someone who always prays and does not give up? Is this a description of your prayer life? How could you become slightly more like the widow in the story? This week- take some time to pray about a situation of global injustice and bring them before God.
8. Jesus highlights in the second parable the important place of humility in approaching God. How could you practice humility in your life? What temptations toward pride do you face or observe in yourself?

Dear Heavenly Father. Help us to see the importance of consistency and faithfulness in our prayer lives. Help us to have a vision of you that sustains faithful prayer. Lord rid us of any sense of pride or self righteousness. Help us to be humble and contrite- seeking your grace in our lives. In Jesus Name Amen.