

Pray Until Something Happens (P.U.S.H.)
Luke 18:1-8

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1. Prayer is a problem for a lot of people. If it's not a problem, then why is it that there are so few people who take prayer seriously?
 - a. Prayer has always been a problem for anyone who believes in God.
 - b. The problem most of us have with prayer is one Jesus addressed. We simply lose heart.

- I. Jesus Teaches Us To Be Persistent In Prayer. Luke 18:2-4, "He said: 'In a certain town there was a judge who neither feared God nor cared about men. And there was a widow in that town who kept coming to him with the plea, 'Grant me justice against my adversary.''"
 - A. This parable has two main characters. First, there is a judge who had no fear of God.
 - B. The other person in this story is a widow who wanted legal protection from her enemy.
 - C. If you would like to pray effectively, you must pray persistently.
 1. Luke 11:5-9

- II. Jesus Teaches Us To Be Precise In Prayer. Luke 18:3, "And there was a widow in that town who kept coming to him with the plea, 'Grant me justice against my adversary.'"
 - A. The widow had a definite request.
 - B. Specific praying can revolutionize your prayer life.
 1. 1 John 5:14-15
 2. Matthew 7:9-11

- III. Jesus Teaches Us To Be Passionate In Prayer. Luke 18:4-5, "For some time he refused. But finally he said to himself, 'Even though I don't fear God or care about men, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will see that she gets justice, so that she won't eventually wear me out with her coming!'"
 - A. This widow was absorbed by her request.
 - B. Could God be asking us at times how much we really care?

- IV. Jesus Teaches Us That We Will Prevail In Prayer. Luke 18:6-8, "And the Lord said, 'Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God bring about justice for his chosen ones, who cry out to him day and night? Will he keep putting them off? I tell you, he will see that they get justice, and quickly. However, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?'"
 - A. This is a great opportunity for us to prevail with God.
 - B. The test is, will we be faithful?