



A New Way - Week 2 “Persistence and Prayer”

Luke 18:1-8

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Let's check... Yes, It's Still the Season of Pentecost

We are teaching through a sermon series in October, entitled “A New Way.”

Early Christians were called “Followers of the Way”

Today, we're going to read a story Jesus told about an unjust judge and a persistent widow to learn the power of persistence and prayer.

How Do We Define Persistence In Our Current Culture?

Do we give up too easily in a world of immediacy?

Let me show you some images, and let's see what resonates with you.

We love success stories about persistence, but we don't often apply the lessons to ourselves.

Persistence, combined with prayer, helps us put our prayers to work.

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- *The story that Jesus tells is about people waiting for the world to change.*
- *In many of Jesus' parables, the authority figure stands in for God. Not here.*
- *The widow here is one without standing or means, just persistence.*
- *The judge finally gets weary of having to deal with her. “Losing face.”*
- *How much more... Jesus shifting the focus now to God.*

The widow in this story exemplifies what it means to pray always and not to lose heart—a way of putting prayer into action.

How Do We Live With Persistence & Prayer?

1. *Persistence in prayer shapes us, not just our outcomes.*
2. *God is not unjust and wants the best for us; we do well to remember this.*
3. *Faithful persistence and prayer can be an act of resistance in an unjust world.*

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SERMON EXTRAS & FURTHER READING

FOR FURTHER READING:

The Way of Jesus Christ
Jurgen Moltmann

Practicing The Way
John Mark Comer

Jesus For Everyone: Not Just Christians
Amy-Jill Levine

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