

PRAY ANYWAY

Luke 18.1-8

Waiting is one of the hardest parts of the Christian life—waiting for justice, waiting for healing, waiting for answers. After giving His disciples some sobering news about the future, Jesus tells them how they are to live in the meantime. In today's passage, He reminds us what faithful people look like while they wait.

3 Big Questions that Arise from This Passage:

1. Is God going to fix this problem?

And will not God bring about justice for his chosen ones, who cry out to him day and night? v7

The answer: Yes, but probably not **ACCORDING TO YOUR PLAN.**

2. How long will I have to wait before God does something?

Will he keep putting them off? v7

God works according to **HIS OWN TIMETABLE** not **OURS.**

Paul encountered incredible difficulties while serving in ministry.

To this very hour we go hungry and thirsty, we are in rags, we are brutally treated, we are homeless. 1 Corinthians 4.11

Paul's response to these questions: (2 Corinthians 4.8-18)

*We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; **perplexed, but not in despair...** 2 Corinthians 4.8*

Paul's advice to get through it so we don't "give up."

- The difficulties we experience now **ARE TEMPORARY.**

...we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus from the dead will also raise us with Jesus and present us with you to himself. 2 Corinthians 4.14

- In persevering, we become more like God **CREATED US TO BE.**

*Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet **inwardly we are being renewed day by day.** 2 Corinthians 4.16*

- Focus your life on the things **JESUS TALKS ABOUT.**

So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal. 2 Corinthians 4.18

3. Will Jesus find faithful people when he returns?

...when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?" v8

What do faithful people look like?

- **TRUSTING IN GOD** when wrong seems to win.
- **TALKING TO GOD** when His absence seems obvious.
- **TOILING FOR GOD** when it doesn't seem useful or worth it.

What is God saying to me?

What am I going to do about it?

Love God, Love Others, Learn Jesus, DO SOMETHING!
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