

The Primacy of Prayer 4
“Our God Who Hears ”
Luke 18:1-8

Being heard



A persistence widow

God is listening, interested, involved and present

“Pray always with perseverance” Ephesians 6:18

Questions to Ponder

What caught your attention from our scripture today?

- Give some thought to why you are drawn to this.
- What might God be saying to you?

How persistent do you pray? (1 - very little and 10 – intensely so)

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How do you respond to these two ideas?

- *“Prayer is an ongoing experiment of hope that God is listening.”*
- *“Prayer is an ongoing expression of trust that God is listening.”*

Reflect on the idea that Jesus wants us to ask.

- In what ways does our asking reveal a heart of humility and vulnerability?
- Why would Jesus want our permission and consent before He responds to our needs?

Reflect on the idea that trust is at the heart of prayer.

When God is answering our prayers with a “no” or at least “wait”:

- Could it be possible that his “no” in one way is actually “yes” in another way?
- How have you experienced this or not?

“Surely the arm of the Lord is not too short to save, nor His ear too dull to hear.” Isaiah 59:1

Other scriptures in sermon: Philippians 2:13, 1 Chronicles 16:11, Psalm 40:1, Psalm 116:2, 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18, Colossians 4:2, Ephesians 6:18, Romans 12:12, Psalm 34:4