

## Sermon Notes | **with** - Luke 18 1-30

**John 15:5** I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.

Having a dependent posture looks like:

You are persistent in prayer (v.1-8)

You are humble (v.9-14)

You are trusting (v.15-17)

You are surrendered (v.18-30)

- weak prayer life
- no longer learning
- fight addiction by yourself
- lack of community

I. You are Persistent in Prayer (v.1-8)

And he told them a parable to the effect that they **ought always to pray and not lose heart**.<sup>2</sup> He said, "In a certain city there was a **judge** who neither feared God nor respected man.<sup>3</sup> And there was a **widow** in that city who kept coming to him and saying, 'Give me justice against my adversary.'<sup>4</sup> For a while **he refused**, but afterward he said to himself, 'Though I neither fear God nor respect man,<sup>5</sup> yet because this widow keeps **bothering** me, I will give her justice, so that she will not **beat me down** by her **continual coming**.'<sup>6</sup> And the Lord said, "Hear what the unrighteous judge says.<sup>7</sup> And will not God give justice to his elect, who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long over them?<sup>8</sup> I tell you, he will give justice to them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

II. You are Humble (v.9-14)

<sup>9</sup>He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and treated others with contempt:<sup>10</sup> "Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector.<sup>11</sup> The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed thus: 'God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector.<sup>12</sup> I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.'<sup>13</sup> But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' <sup>14</sup>I tell you, **this man went down to his house justified**, rather than the other. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted."

III. You are Trusting (v.15-17)

<sup>15</sup>Now they were bringing even infants to him that he might touch them. And when the disciples saw it, they rebuked them.<sup>16</sup> But Jesus called them to him, saying, "Let

the children come to me, and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. <sup>17</sup> Truly, I say to you, **whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it.**"

#### **IV. You are Surrendered (v.18-30)**

<sup>18</sup> And a ruler asked him, "**Good Teacher**, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" <sup>19</sup> And Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good except God alone. <sup>20</sup> You know the commandments: 'Do not commit adultery, Do not murder, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Honor your father and mother.'" <sup>21</sup> And he said, "All these I have kept from my youth." <sup>22</sup> When Jesus heard this, he said to him, "One thing you still lack. Sell all that you have and distribute to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me." <sup>23</sup> But when he heard these things, he became very sad, for he was extremely rich. <sup>24</sup> Jesus, seeing that he had become sad, said, "How difficult it is for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God! <sup>25</sup> For it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God."

*Is there anything that you would withhold?*

**Luke 18:31–34** <sup>31</sup> And taking the twelve, he said to them, "See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and everything that is written about the Son of Man by the **prophets** will be accomplished. <sup>32</sup> For he will be **delivered** over to the Gentiles and will be **mocked** and **shamefully treated** and **spit upon**. <sup>33</sup> And after **flogging** him, they will **kill** him, and on the **third day he will rise**." <sup>34</sup> But **they understood none of these things**. This saying was hidden from them, and they did not grasp what was said.

**Big Idea:** I can have a dependent posture when I understand the depth of His love for me.

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## Discussion Questions | **with** - Luke 18 1-30

### **Read Luke 18:1–8**

- How is your prayer life?
- How could you be more persistent in prayer?

### **Read Luke 18:9–14**

- How does the little “Pharisee” in us manifest itself at times?
- What helps us be more like the tax collector in spirit?

### **Read Luke 18:15–17**

- What does it mean to receive the kingdom like a child?
- How can you know if you are trusting God?

### **Read Luke 18:18–30**

- What are you holding back from God?

### **Read Luke 18:31–34**

- How can you grow in having a dependent posture?