



Community Group 2 Persistence in Prayer

MVMT Madness

- Ice Breaker: Who would win in a fight?
 - **Question 1** - Justice League vs. Avengers
 - **Question 2** - Darth Vader vs. Nick Saban
 - **Question 3** - Kermit the frog vs. Pastor Noah Marshall
 - **Question 4** - Winnie the pooh vs. Barney the dinosaur
 - **Question 5** - Zac Stephens vs. Ronda Rousey
- **Host** - It's fun to debate who would win in certain struggles, but when we face struggles of our own it's not so fun. When we find ourselves in the middle of a struggle, it is difficult to see hope for the future and peace for the present. As believers in Christ, we are in a fight because we have a spiritual enemy.
- **John 10:10 - 10** The thief's purpose is to steal and kill and destroy. My purpose is to give them a rich and satisfying life.
 - Jesus came to bring you an abundant life in the midst of your struggles

MVMT Message

John 16:33 - 33 I have told you all this so that you may have peace in me. Here on earth you will have many trials and sorrows. But take heart, because I have overcome the world."

- There is nothing in this world that Jesus can't overcome
- Our hope is in our God and His name is Jesus

Question 1 - Where do you go or who do you turn to when you have troubles in your life? How do you process pain?

- God is not unaware of your pain or struggles, but He invites you to bring your grief to Him
- ***WHERE WE GO WITH OUR PAIN SAYS A LOT ABOUT OUR FAITH***
- If we don't go to the one that cares the most when we are hurt the most, we miss out on our opportunities for healing and restoration
 - Our strength, peace, and restoration is found only in one place...**prayer**

Question 2 - On a scale of 1 to 10 (1 being non-existent and 10 being 'white-hot, on fire') how would you rate your prayer life?

Luke 18:1-8- Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up. He said: "In a certain town there was a judge who neither feared God nor cared what people thought. And there was a widow in that town who kept coming to him with the plea, 'Grant me justice against my adversary.' "For some time he refused. But finally he said to himself, 'Even though I don't fear God or care what people think, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will see that she gets justice, so that she won't eventually come and attack me!'" 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?"

- This widow's persistent prayer softened the heart of the judge
 - This man didn't fear God or respect man, but constant cry for justice eventually bothered the man to the point of giving her what she wanted just to shut her up!
- Thankfully, unlike the judge in the story, our God wants to help us and desires for us to grow in Him!

Galatians 6:9 - 9 So let's not get tired of doing what is good. At just the right time we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don't give up.

- ***YOUR BREAKTHROUGH IS ON THE OTHERSIDE OF YOUR OBEDIENCE. DON'T GIVE UP!!!***

Question 3 - What is holding you back from persistent white-hot prayer?

MVMT Maker - Prayer time

2 Chronicles 7:14 - Then if my people who are called by my name will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sins and restore their land.

- As we walk through this prayer time together, we are going to focus intentionally on each piece in this Scripture
1. Humble yourself (Exalt Him through praise and thanksgiving)
 2. Turn from your wicked ways (repent of sin)
 3. Seek His face (Ask for Him to make your desires line up with His desires)
 4. Pray
 - a. Pray for the Church (FPS, Weekend, new campuses, other churches near and far)
 - b. Pray for your community (Schools and neighborhoods)
 - c. Pray for your lost friends/family (Name them individually)
 - d. Pray for a personal revival (Break our heart for what breaks Yours)