**Order of sermon**

1. How long should you pray for something
2. Read Luke 18:1-8a "One day Jesus told his disciples a story to show that they should always pray and never give up. **2** “There was a judge in a certain city,” he said, “who neither feared God nor cared about people. **3** A widow of that city came to him repeatedly, saying, ‘Give me justice in this dispute with my enemy.’ **4** The judge ignored her for a while, but finally he said to himself, ‘I don’t fear God or care about people, **5** but this woman is driving me crazy. I’m going to see that she gets justice, because she is wearing me out with her constant requests!’”**6** Then the Lord said, “Learn a lesson from this unjust judge. **7** Even he rendered a just decision in the end. So don’t you think God will surely give justice to his chosen people who cry out to him day and night? Will he keep putting them off? **8** I tell you, he will grant justice to them"
3. Persistence is constantly repeated especially in spite of opposition, obstacles.
4. Definition of justice
5. Example of persistent people in our life's, kids, friends, family members.
6. The widow was so persistent she was able to drive a person who didn’t like people, crazy.
7. Cry out day and night means to constantly ask God, constantly pray about it.
8. Read Thessalonians 5:16-18. "**16-18** Be cheerful no matter what; pray all the time; thank God no matter what happens. This is the way God wants you who belong to Christ Jesus to live."
9. You cant wear God down.
10. God will always give justice to his chosen people, Christians.
11. Always thank God no matter what the outcome is.

Recap and close

Have you ever wondered how long you are supposed to pray for something? Lets say a family member is sick, are you supposed to pray once and stop, or are you supposed to pray over and over until something happens. Well we see in scripture that Jesus has a answer for that question, Luke 18:1-8a "One day Jesus told his disciples a story to show that they should always pray and never give up. **2** “There was a judge in a certain city,” he said, “who neither feared God nor cared about people. **3** A widow of that city came to him repeatedly, saying, ‘Give me justice in this dispute with my enemy.’ **4** The judge ignored her for a while, but finally he said to himself, ‘I don’t fear God or care about people, **5** but this woman is driving me crazy. I’m going to see that she gets justice, because she is wearing me out with her constant requests!’”**6** Then the Lord said, “Learn a lesson from this unjust judge. **7** Even he rendered a just decision in the end. So don’t you think God will surely give justice to his chosen people who cry out to him day and night? Will he keep putting them off? **8** I tell you, he will grant justice to them" in this scripture the widow was being very persistent, the definition of persistence is constantly repeated especially in spite of opposition or obstacles. All of us have met persistant people in our lifes, for example if you’re a parent your kids constantly asking for the same thing over and over, or mayber your little sibling. To be honest, I was that kid, my mom always tells me a story on how everytime I would go to walmart I would ask for a cookie, I asked so much I was told if I ask again I would get a timeout, I then started to say "I want one of the round sweet things." I was a very persistant child. What is Jesus meaning when He said the widow wanted justice, yes sometimes we want justice, but I think He was implying more along the lines of healing, financial aid, etc. So God wants us to be very persistant in our prayers to Him, is this verse saying that we should wear God down until we get what we want. No, its not, its not possible to wear God down. So you may be thinking to yourself, ok ill pray and pray until I get what I ask for. When I think back to when I was younger, im thankful most of my prayers did not get answered, I asked for some dumb things. So we don’t pray until we get what we want, we are supposed to pray until we get an answer, sometimes it takes 2 weeks other times it takes 2 years. But no matter what the answer is, no matter whats the outcome we are supposed to be happy with it as it says in 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18. "**16-18** Be cheerful no matter what; pray all the time; thank God no matter what happens. This is the way God wants you who belong to Christ Jesus to live." What It means is be joyful, thank God for the outcome no matter what it is, and always accept Gods will for your life. Thank you.