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**PRAYER
MINISTRY**

Life Groups

BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 15TH

SUNDAY EVENING | 7PM

**LED AND HOSTED BY CHRIS AND PAULA BENDER
1100 GEHANT COURT**

THURSDAY EVENING | 6:30PM

**LED BY DOUG BUNGER | HOSTED BY RUSS & SHERRI BARBER
1115 PICKWICK DR.**

Sunday, 9/22 - 6 pm to 7:30 pm

TACKLE TOUGH QUESTIONS

What are the 4 main views of Revelation (and end times)?

The Importance and

The Power of Prayer



**What is God's
Will Concerning
Prayer?**

Foundations for the Right Posture in Prayer

God is all-knowing, all-powerful, and everywhere at once

We are to approach Him with reverence and honor

Remember, Christians endure suffering, trials, & tribulations

We do not need to hide our feelings – He already knows

It should include kingdom expansion, confession, and needs

Prayer is a powerful weapon in spiritual warfare

Pray what's on your heart, but yield to God's will

We are to have an attitude of, and be persistent in, prayer

Luke 18:1-5 (ESV) ¹ And he told them a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart. ² He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor respected man. ³ And there was a widow in that city who kept coming to him and saying, 'Give me justice against my adversary.' ⁴ For a while he refused, but afterward he said to himself, 'Though I neither fear God nor respect man, ⁵ yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will give her justice, so that she will not beat me down by her continual coming.'"

Despair is prevalent in our society, but persistent prayer (with hope) is what is called for.

Even the unjust judge gets worn down by the persistency of this widow. Praying continually for what is right will NOT fall on deaf ears.

*The unjust judge cares not for justice (this is **NOT** how God is).*

Do you persist in prayer, even when you're discouraged?

God is the One, True Judge Who Hears Our Cries

Luke 18:6-8 (NASB₁₉₉₅) ⁶ And the Lord said, "Hear what the unrighteous judge said; ⁷ now, will not God bring about justice for His elect who cry to Him day and night, and will He delay long over them?"

⁸ "I tell you that He will bring about justice for them quickly. However, when the Son of Man comes, will He find faith on the earth?"

*Notice that those who are followers of Christ are receiving God's response **after** they continually cry out to Him –not before.*

*God is **NOT** an unjust judge. Therefore, He will bring about justice for believers. Do we have the faith in our just and righteous Judge to call out to Him day and night?*

Does faith go hand-in-hand with your prayers?

What is God's will for us as believers?

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 (NIV₂₀₁₁) ¹⁶ Rejoice always ¹⁷ pray continually, ¹⁸ give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

The joy of the Lord doesn't mean that we don't have times of grieving, but it does show our understanding of Who is sovereign.

Life isn't always easy, but we are to have a thankful heart during the easy and the challenging. And we pray for God's hand in it all.

This does not mean every moment is filled with prayer, but that we are persistent and are always maintaining an attitude of prayer.

Have you considered the areas that you need to be continually going before the Lord in prayer?