

### **WEEK 3: KEEP ON PRAYING**

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*"I tell you the truth, if you had faith even as small as a mustard seed, you could say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it would move. Nothing would be impossible."* **Matthew 17:20 NLT**

## **Persistence is a \_\_\_\_\_ of faith**

*One day Jesus told his disciples a story to show that they should always pray and never give up.* **Luke 18:1 NLT**

*"There was a judge in a certain city," he said, "who neither feared God nor cared about people. A widow of that city came to him repeatedly, saying, 'Give me justice in this dispute with my enemy.' The judge ignored her for a while, but finally he said to himself, 'I don't fear God or care about people, 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!'"* **Luke 18:2-5 NLT**

*Then the Lord said, "Learn a lesson from this unjust judge. 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? I tell you, he will grant justice to them quickly! But when the Son of Man returns, how many will he find on the earth who have faith?"* **Luke 18:6-8 NLT**

## **Jesus isn't \_\_\_\_\_ God to an unjust judge, He is \_\_\_\_\_ them**

## **As a Good Father, God will \_\_\_\_\_**

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*Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done.* **Philippians 4:6 NLT**

*And this same God who takes care of me will supply all your needs from his glorious riches, which have been given to us in Christ Jesus.* **Philippians 4:19 NLT**

## **Jesus wants us to embrace \_\_\_\_\_**

*“Keep on asking, and you will receive what you ask for. Keep on seeking, and you will find. Keep on knocking, and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks, receives. Everyone who seeks, finds. And to everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Matthew 7:7,8 NLT*

## **What you need most is \_\_\_\_\_**

*“You fathers—if your children ask for a fish, do you give them a snake instead? Or if they ask for an egg, do you give them a scorpion? Of course not! So if you sinful people know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him.” Luke 11:11-13 NLT*

*Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus. 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 NIV*

### **This Week’s Challenge:**

*This week, pray a prayer of persistence, let’s make a special note of the prayer that is deep and abiding, that prayer we keep coming back to...yearning for deliverance, for justice, for peace (either for ourselves or for another). Let us commit to persevering in prayer, and drawing close to Jesus.*