

November 9th- 15th

The Power of Persistence

In this lesson you will learn three ways to unlock the power of persistence in your life.

Intro: Luke 18: 1-8- the parable of the unjust judge tells a story about a persistent widow who continually visited the judge to grant her justice. Eventually by her consistent pleading she finally wore down the judge even though he did not believe in her cause. She got her justice through her persistence. What have you given up on that God wants you to contend for? Where have you stopped short? God uses the seasons of waiting for you to grow and develop the fruit of persistence in your life. Persistence is the key to the breakthrough in your life.

I. Persistent in Prayer

- A. Pray the Word of God, which are His promises and His will over your life. When you know you are praying His will, you can pray with confidence and assurance (1 John 5:15). Elijah prayed after 3 & half years of drought in Israel for the rain to fall again. After the 7th time he prayed, he finally saw evidence that his prayers were working. Praying hard is praying through, and if you pray through, God will come through.

II. Persistent in Praise

- A. Learn to praise before the breakthrough. Can you keep your song of praise when it looks like nothing is happening? Persistent praise is keeping your song in the darkness, in the valley, in the desert. Paul & Silas had been wrongfully beaten and locked up in jail (Acts 16:25-36). In the midst of their mistreatment and imprisonment, they kept up a song of praise to the Lord. If you keep your praise in the tough times, you can keep your joy and your strength.

III. Persistent in Purpose

- A. Psa 92:13- Stay planted in your purpose. Even if you didn't see the answer you wanted last time continue to believe. Detach yourself from defeat and discouragement, and persist in your purpose. This means staying in faith, choosing to believe despite the circumstances. Persist in the thing that God has called you to do until you see a breakthrough. Success is a derivative of persistence.

Discussion Questions

1. What long term dream or goal have you given up on?
2. Are the waiting seasons times of frustration or growth for you?
3. What part of your calling are you persistent in?