

Be Still: Cultivating Intimacy with Our Creator
September 23, 2007

“When God is Slow to Answer”
Luke 18:1-8

Introduction:

Chronic illness, the salvation of a friend or family member, emotional struggles such as anxiety or depression, or the repair of a relationships...most Christians have longstanding concerns that they have prayed about for many months, or even years. So why should we continue to pray?

Interpretation:

When God is slow to answer remain:

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Application:

Going Deeper

1. At what level/s are you able to relate to the widow in this morning's parable? Share some of your longstanding prayer requests with one another.
2. On a scale of one to ten, how persistent are you in prayer? (James 5:16)
3. When and/or how have you been tempted to give up on praying about these longstanding needs or concerns?
4. What have you learned about yourself, or God, as you have been persistent in praying about these longstanding needs or concerns?
5. When have you received a quick response from God on a prayer request, and how did that encourage your faith?
6. Why should the character of God encourage our persistence in prayer (Luke 18:7-8, Hebrews 12:4-13, 2 Peter 3:8-9)
7. When and how has your faithfulness been undermined, or even compromised, by having to wait upon God in prayer? (Luke 18:8)

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