



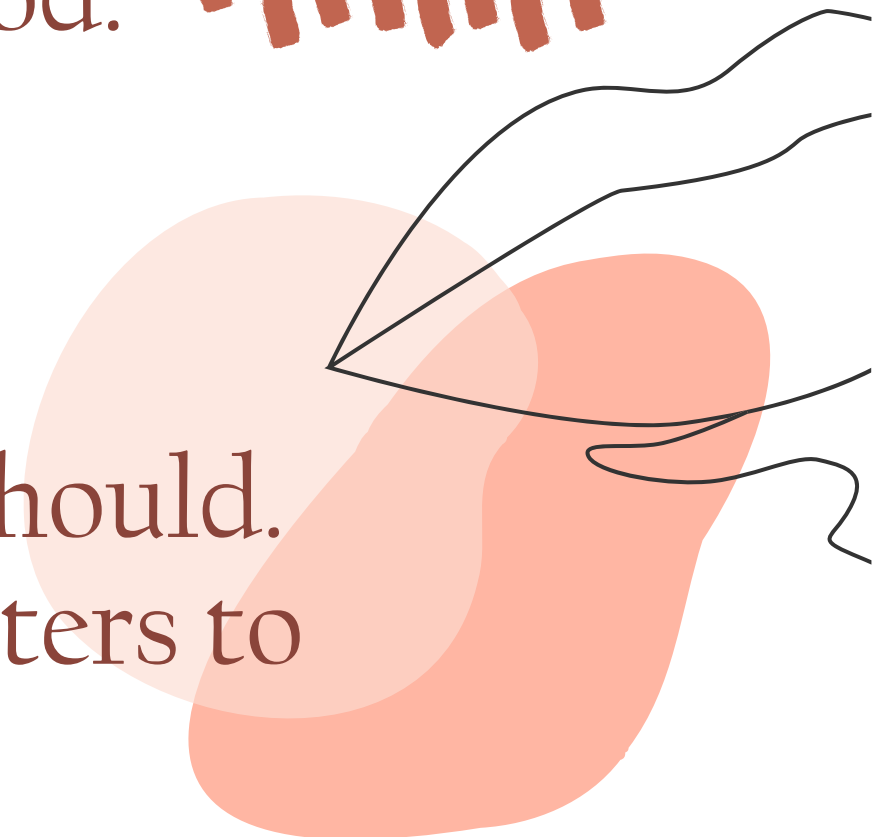
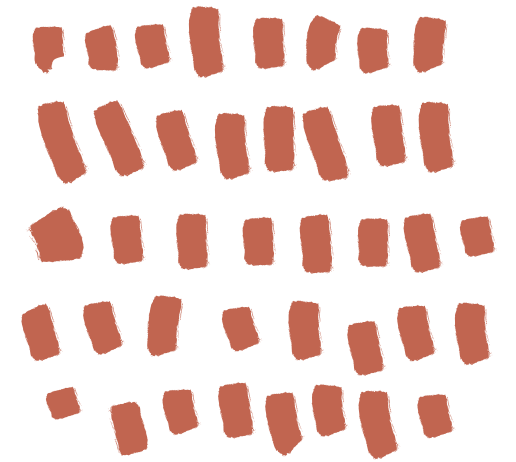
*The Persistent Widow:
Don't Give Up!
God Sees You!
All In Due Season!*

Sisters Mantra

There's nothing too hard for God.
I am a daughter of the King.
God sees me!

He has great plans for me!

I will strive to live as a Christian should.
I will inspire and encourage my sisters to
do the same.





What Do You Think?

What does persistent mean to you?

Why do you think persistence is important?

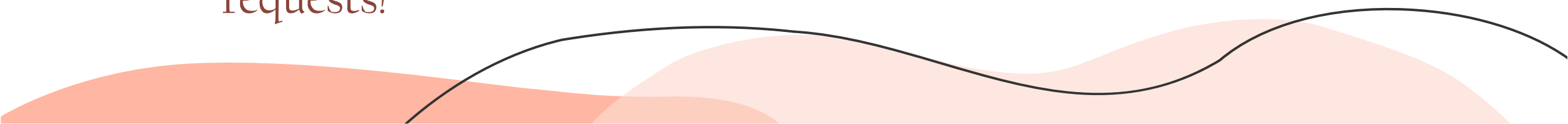
What do you think are some characteristics of the persistent widow?



Luke 18:1-4 NLT

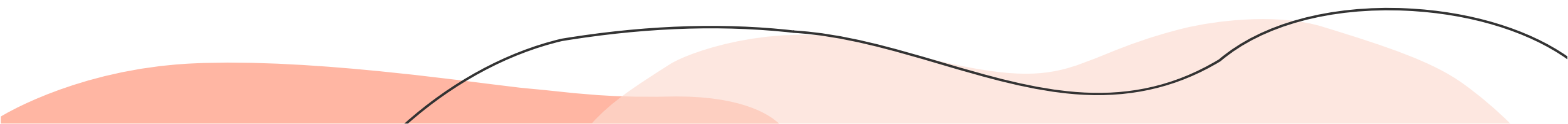
¹One day Jesus told his disciples a story to show that they should always pray and never give up. ²“There was a judge in a certain city,” he said, “who neither feared God nor cared about people. ³A widow of that city came to him repeatedly, saying, ‘Give me justice in this dispute with my enemy.’

⁴The judge ignored her for a while, but finally he said to himself, ‘I don’t fear God or care about people, ⁵but 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 18:6-8 NLT

⁶Then the Lord said, “Learn a lesson from this unjust judge. ⁷Even 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? ⁸I 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?”





Let's Discuss the Characters

The Unjust Judge

The Persistent Widow



Reason for the Parable

Encourage Disciples To...

- Always Pray and Not Lose Faith
 - Never Give Up

The parable stresses the importance of persistent prayers and remaining faithful even in difficult circumstances!



Points to Ponder

⁷Even 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?**



Will God Keep Putting Us Off?

Proverbs 16:9 NLT

⁹ We can make our plans, but the Lord determines our steps

I John 5:14-15 NIV

¹⁴ This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. ¹⁵ And if we know that he hears us whatever we ask we know that we have what we asked of him..

Colossians 4:2 NLT

² Devote yourselves to prayer with an alert mind and a thankful heart.

Points to Ponder

⁸I 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?”



Will He Really Find Faith on the Earth?

Psalms 40:1 NLT

¹ I waited patiently for the Lord to help me, and he turned to me and heard my cry

I Cor 16:13 NIV

¹³ Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong.

Psalms 130:5 NIV

⁵ I wait for the Lord, my whole being waits, and in his word I put my hope.

Why Persistent Prayer?

PUSH

Pray Until Something Happens!

Matthew 7:7-11 NLT

⁷ “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. ⁸ For everyone who asks, receives. Everyone who seeks, finds. And to everyone who knocks, the door will be opened.

⁹ “You parents—if your children ask for a loaf of bread, do you give them a stone instead? ¹⁰ Or if they ask for a fish, do you give them a snake? Of course not! ¹¹ So if you sinful people know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give good gifts to those who ask him.

God has a perfect plan for your life.

There will be tough days, you will get tired. But trust His ways and His perfect timing. Your blessings are coming. And while you are waiting, know that your prayers can make a big difference.

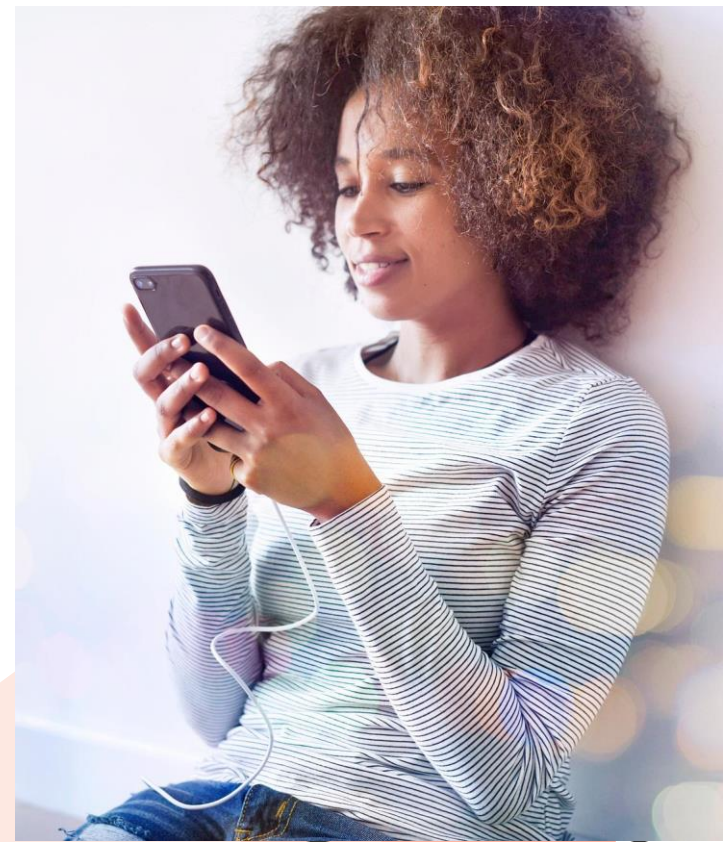
Pray. Wait. Trust.

Practical Application: Example of Persistent Prayer

Is there someone that you call, text or talk to every day?

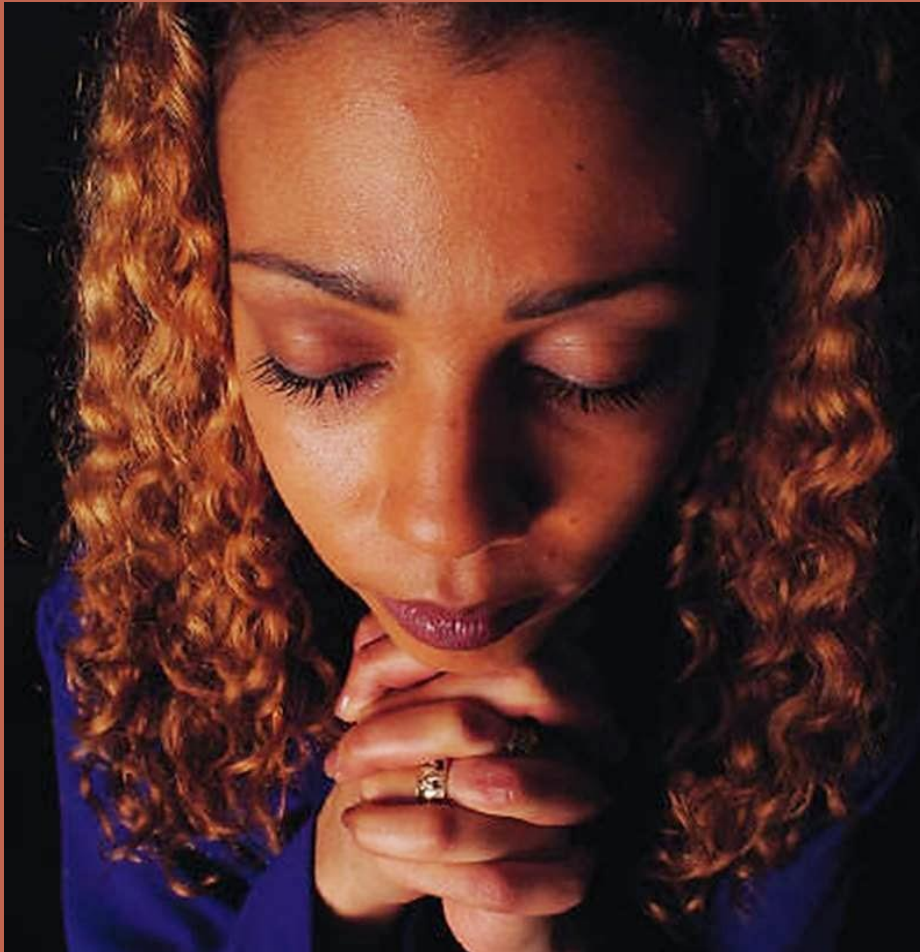


Is the conversation always about something important?

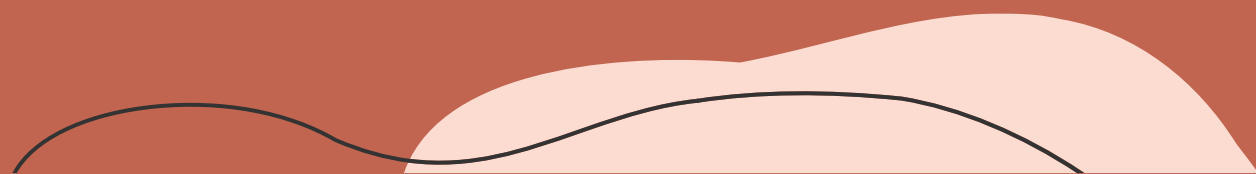




Stay With God!

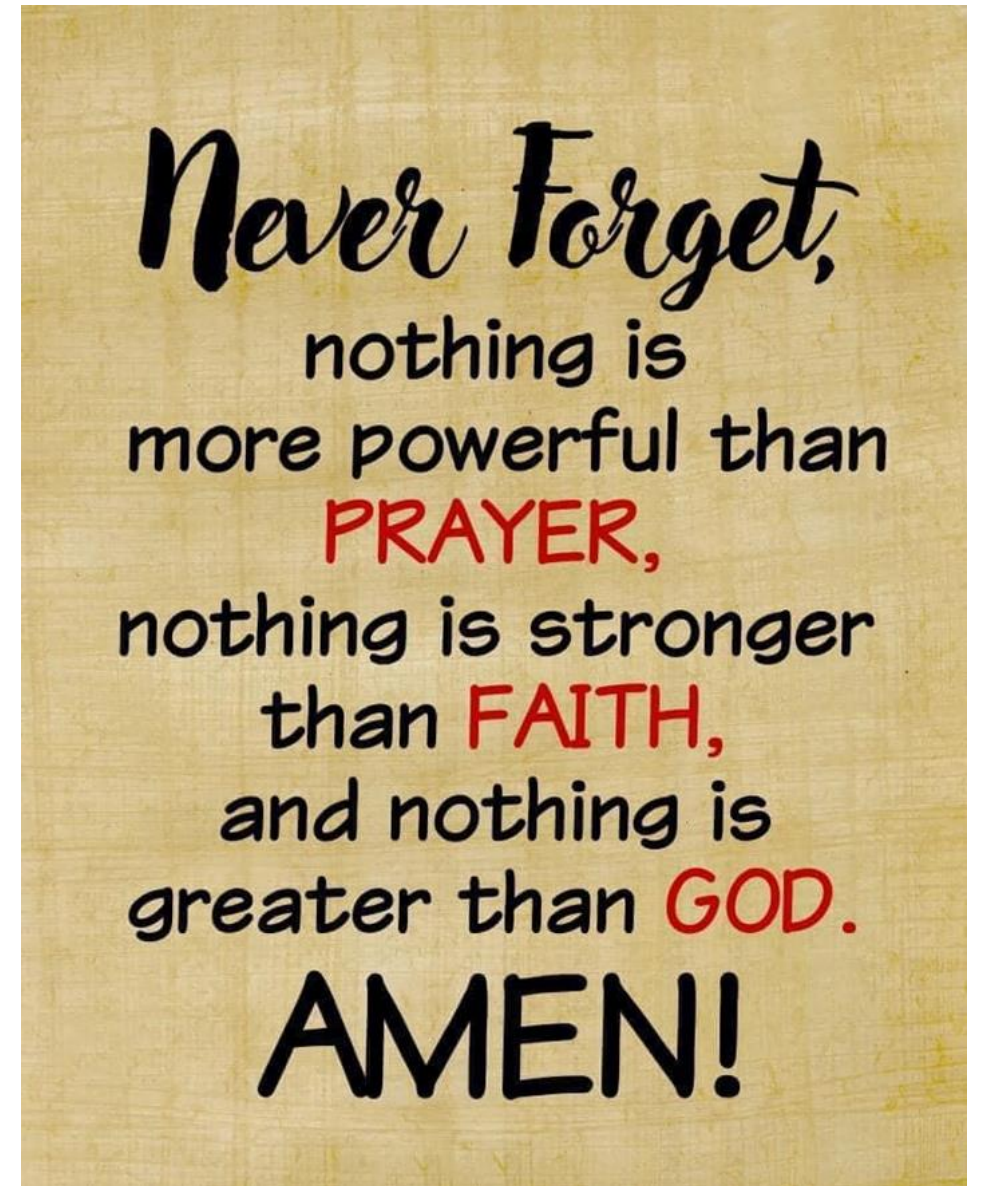


Persevere
Through
Persistent
Prayer





One concern of the devil is to keep Christians from praying.





Questions & Comments