



***Faith
Exercised***

Putting Your Faith Into Action


“The Power of Persistent Prayer”

Luke 18:1-8

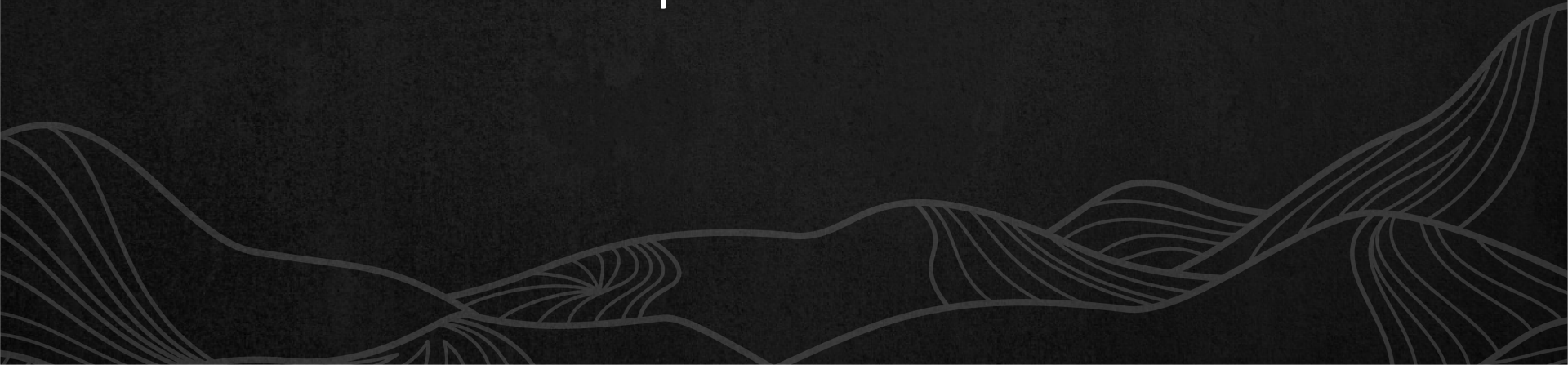
Main Idea of the Text:

We, as followers of Jesus Christ, are told to continue in prayer, always being persistent in our requests to God. Jesus promises that our prayers will be heard and answered by God our Father.

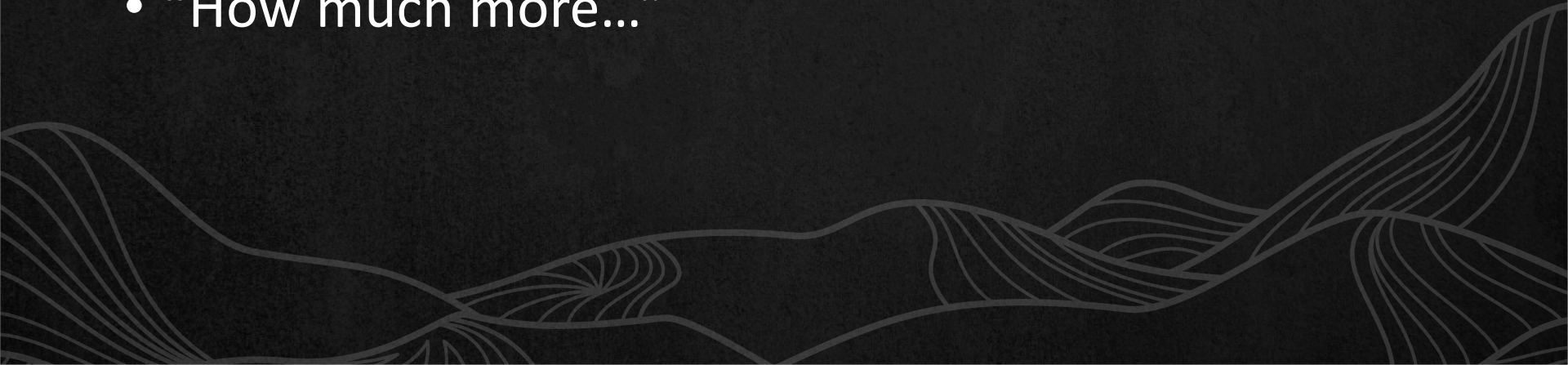
Outline:

- 1.The Purpose
 - 2.The Example of the Widow
 - 3.The Responding Question
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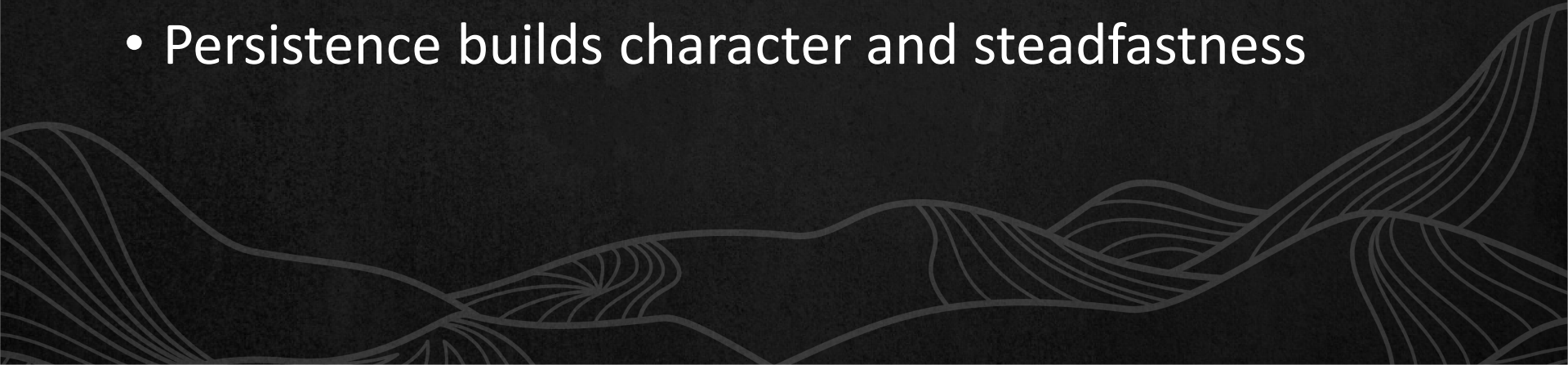
The Purpose

- Verse 1
 - The reasoning behind the upcoming parable
 - A very real temptation for us today
 - When does a “not yet answered” become a no?
 - Abraham and Sarah
 - A continued call for persistence
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The Example of the Widow

- Verses 2-8
 - Similarities to Luke 11
 - Two main characters, the judge and the widow
 - Persistence defined
 - A refusal to give up, determined
 - “How much more...”
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The Responding Question

- Verse 8
 - Jesus' question to the disciples following the parable
 - The same question for us today
 - A need to examine our own prayers
 - A need to involve others
 - Persistence builds character and steadfastness
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Next Steps

- Take 20 minutes a day to read God's Word in 2024.
 - Examine the nature of your requests to God, are you persistent in them? Take one request to God and pray everyday for it this week.
 - Ask one other person in the church that you trust to pray this with you this week.
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