

Hello and Welcome

Let's pray over the broadcast.

Jesus, I pray that every word spoken be anointed by the Holy Spirit. I pray that all who have been sick, or under spiritual attack, or faces with very challenging situations will believe and receive this teaching. I pray that all listeners will learn the value of prevailing and persistent prayer and fasting. Prayer that gets God's attention, that brings victory and break through, and overcomes and overpowers evil, sickness, addiction, or whatever long term challenge we may face. In Jesus name, Amen.

Last week I taught that God, through the work Jesus accomplished on the cross, has made available to every believer the power to pray and petition God for every need and place a demand on God's power to meet that need by just believing that it is God's will to heal and deliver His people and that God has already completed His part of the contract. God laid the foundation and it is up to us to build upon the finished work of Jesus.

Today I want to teach on the power of being diligent, determined, unwavering, resolute, even gritty. I am talking about an attitude that never gives up and the power of persistent, unrelenting, prevailing prayer. I will read about three examples in the Bible, where people stayed determined, prayed and even fasted until they got God's attention and the results they needed.

The first example is of a mother who was determined to get the attention of King David and even after her two sons had been executed she would not give up on them and by her persistence got the Attention of King David and her sons an honorable burial and a great famine finally ended in Israel.

Look at 2 Samuel CHAPTER 21

1 There was a famine during David's reign that lasted for three years, so David asked the Lord about it. And the Lord said, "The famine has come because Saul and his family are guilty of murdering the Gibeonites."

2 So the king summoned the Gibeonites. They were not part of Israel but were all that was left of the nation of the Amorites. The people of Israel had sworn not to kill them, but Saul, in his zeal for Israel and Judah, had tried to wipe them out.

3 David asked them, "What can I do for you? How can I make amends so

that you will bless the Lord's people again?"

4 "Well, money can't settle this matter between us and the family of Saul," the Gibeonites replied. "Neither can we demand the life of anyone in Israel." "What can I do then?" David asked. "Just tell me and I will do it for you."

5 Then they replied, "It was Saul who planned to destroy us, to keep us from having any place at all in the territory of Israel.

6 So let seven of Saul's sons be handed over to us, and we will execute them before the Lord at Gibeon, on the mountain of the Lord.\*"

"All right," the king said, "I will do it."

7 The king spared Jonathan's son, who was Saul's grandson, because of the oath David and Jonathan had sworn before the Lord.

8 But David gave them Saul's two sons, whose mother was Rizpah, a concubine of Saul. He also gave them the five sons of Saul's daughter Michal .

9 The men of Gibeon executed them on the mountain before the Lord. So all seven of them died together at the beginning of the barley harvest.

10 Then Rizpah, a concubine of Saul and the mother of two of the men, spread burlap on a rock and stayed there the entire harvest season. She prevented the scavenger birds from tearing at their bodies during the day and stopped wild animals from eating them at night.

11 And it was told to David what Rizpah, the concubine of Saul and mother of the two men, had done.

When David learned what Rizpah, Saul's concubine, had done,

12 he went to Gibeon and obtained the bones of the sons of Saul in which the Gibeonites had executed.

14 Then David ordered that they bury the bones in the tomb of Kish, Saul's father in the land of Benjamin. After that, God ended the famine in the land.

The second example, is in Daniel Chapter 10. Daniel was in exile in Persia and he had been fasting and praying for 21 days, but he had not received his answer to prayer. So God sent an angel to tell him that God had heard his prayer on the first day, but the answer from God was being delayed by a evil spiritual stronghold held by the Spirit prince of the kingdom of Persia and that this angel had been in spiritual warfare with this evil spirit but finally Michael the Arch Angel had to come help and that this angel had to return and continue to fight against this evil spirit with Michael. This scripture illustrates the power of prevailing prayer and fasting. This scripture explains that we do not wrestle against just flesh and blood, but we war against spiritual evil and wicked powers in the spiritual realm. This scripture demonstrates that we must pray, fast, and keep believing. Never--Give Up!

1 In the third year of the reign of King Cyrus of Persia, Daniel had another vision

2 When this vision came to me, I, Daniel, had been in mourning for three whole weeks.

3 All that time I had eaten no rich food. No meat or wine crossed my lips, and I used no fragrant lotions until those three weeks had passed.

4 On April 23, as I was standing on the bank of the great Tigris River, 5 I looked up and saw a man dressed in linen clothing

His face flashed like lightning, and his eyes flamed like torches. His arms and feet shone like polished bronze, and his voice roared like a vast multitude of people.

7 Only I, Daniel, saw this vision. My strength left me, my face grew deathly pale, and I felt very weak.

9 Then I heard the man speak, and when I heard the sound of his voice, I fainted and lay there with my face to the ground.

10 Just then a hand touched me and lifted me, still trembling, to my hands and knees.

11 And the man said to me, "Daniel, you are very precious to God, so listen carefully to what I have to say to you. Stand up, for I have been sent to you." When he said this to me, I stood up, still trembling.

12 Then he said, "Don't be afraid, Daniel. Since the first day you began to pray for understanding and to humble yourself before your God, your request has been heard in heaven. I have come in answer to your prayer.

13 But for twenty-one days the spirit prince\* of the kingdom of Persia blocked my way. Then Michael, one of the archangels,\* came to help me, and I left him there with the spirit prince of the kingdom of Persia.

17 How can someone like me, your servant, talk to you, my lord? My strength is gone, and I can hardly breathe."

18 Then the one who looked like a man touched me again, and I felt my strength returning.

19 "Don't be afraid," he said, "for you are very precious to God. Peace! Be encouraged! Be strong!"

Soon I must return to fight against the spirit prince of the kingdom of Persia.

The third example, tells us about a widow woman that in spite of an unjust judge, she would not give up. She persistently pleaded for justice until the judge who did not fear God nor cared about people, finally got so tired and frustrated dealing with this woman, that the unjust judge finally gave her the justice she deserved from the beginning. This scripture illustrates that persistence is rewarded. Jesus said for us to learn a lesson from this widow woman and for us to cry out to God day and night to receive our answers to prayer.

Let's read Luke CHAPTER 18

1 One 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.

3 A widow of that city came to him repeatedly, saying, 'Give me justice in this dispute with my enemy.'

4 The judge ignored her for a while, but finally he said to himself, 'I don't fear God or care about people,

5 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!'"

6 Then the Lord said, "Learn a lesson from this unjust judge.

7 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?

8 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?"

So I have read three powerful scriptures that demonstrate how persistent and prevailing prayer and fasting are sometimes necessary to get your breakthrough or miracle or healing. Many of you feel like you have been praying forever for something to change in your lives and that you are ready to just give up. Well the Word of God is clear, Never Give Up! Even Jesus said, Learn a lesson, Keep the faith! I once read a word of encouragement that helped me in a time of warfare and it said, "Struggle is the proof that you have not been defeated". So stay in the struggle, never surrender, Never Give Up! You will get God's attention and results!

I am very interested in praying for you. Please send me your prayer requests.

Please repeat this salvation prayer with me.

Jesus I confess I am a sinner. I repent of my sins. Please forgive me. Jesus come into my heart and be my Lord and Savior. Jesus heal me of all my diseases. Jesus take all my pain and symptoms and give me peace and a good night sleep. Jesus do not delay. Send me my answer to prayer. In Jesus name, Amen.

Thank you and God bless you.