



Pray and Don't Lose Heart

Earlier this week I was re-reading Luke 18 which speaks of the woman and the unjust judge. I saw some things in this passage of scripture that I had not seen previously.

It was in verse one that gave me the key to this story. "Now He was telling them a parable to show that at all times they ought to pray and not lose heart." This really spoke to me because I have still been plagued by something that happened in my life over a year ago. Yet even after intensive counseling and major deliverance it still seems to torment me.

So I prayed and asked the Lord why this was happening. It was as if He responded by saying go back and read verse 1 again. I read it again and the light bulbs went off. He was saying pray girl and don't lose heart; in other words don't give up.

Now the subsequent verses really speak as to what type of prayer is required for the situation. Verse 3 says, "And there was a widow in that city and she kept coming to him saying 'Give me legal protection from my opponent.' Then verse 4 and 5 say, "And for a while he [the judge] was unwilling; but afterward he said to himself, "Even though I do not fear God nor respect man yet because this widow bothers me, I will give her legal protection, lest by continually coming she wear me out."

It was after I read this again the Holy Spirit spoke to my spirit and told me that this issue that you have been fighting with for over a year is a matter of persistence. Every time this incident comes to your mind, you come before Me and ask Me to protect your heart, ask Me to execute justice and remember that it is I the Lord who will repay.

He also reminded me that I was not the first. He reminded me of a young lady who had the same experience, worse even and allowed me to carry her burden all those months ago because she was on the edge. Even after all those years ago she wanted to die because of what was done to her. So the Holy Spirit allowed me to take on all she felt along with my own emotional damage and at times it was truly maddening. Yet I can honestly say that a young woman is alive today because another made up the hedge and stood in the gap.

I want to encourage you today if there is some injustice that has occurred in your life, especially if it's something great, to pray and not lose heart. Every time that thing tries to overtake you, cry out to your Judge and High Priest Jesus Christ. Remind Him every day and do not give up. Turn it over to Him and let Him protect you and meet out justice for you.

Remember whatsoever a man sows that will he also reap and what is done in secret will be shouted from the housetops! Pray fervently my dear friends; be persistent in your petitions before the Lord and trust that He will hear you and bring about His justice.