

Certainty... in a world of doubt

The Gospel of Luke

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community church

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“Don’t Lose Heart” Luke 18:1-43

Have you ever felt like giving up? “Losing heart (v1)” means to be utterly spiritless, to be wearied out, and exhausted. It is having very little passion for life - ranging from listlessness to depression, to being suicidal (Pro15:13, 18:14). It happens when something you fundamentally trust, love, are living for, or hope in is threatened, blocked or lost. Your circumstances actually matter far less to your happiness than you think. It is the health of your heart that makes life heaven or hell (Pro4:23; Ps34:18).

We Should Pray...

Verses 1-8

- ✓ **Confidently** vv7-8; Luke 12:32; 15:31; Ps9:9-10

Verses 9-17

- ✓ **Humbly** vv13-14 & 17; Ps51:17; Pro9:10

Verses 18-30

- ✓ **Wholeheartedly** Jer9:23-24; Matt22:37; Matt13:44

Verses 35-43

- ✓ **Persistently** Luke 11:9-13; Jer29:13; Heb11:6; James1:17

What is the basis of our access to God in prayer?

Verses 31-34

Because Jesus prayed, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” we can cry with confidence, “Abba, Father” (“My Daddy”)! (Matt27:46; Rom8:15; 2Cor5:21)

What is the measure of His love for us? The Cross!

What is the measure of His power working in, through, and for us? The Resurrection!

Growing Notes

- 1) What does it mean to lose heart? Have you ever felt like giving up? Explain when & why. How did you get through it? What are the early warning sign of losing heart?
- 2) Read Luke 18:1-8. What does Jesus say we are to do to keep from losing heart (v1)? What does it mean to pray confidently and why can we pray confidently (vv7-8)?
- 3) Read vv9-17. What do these verses teach us about humility? Humility is not found by direct pursuit but is a by-product of being swept away by the greatness and the goodness of the person and work of Jesus Christ that ruins you for anything else. How would that help to keep you from losing heart?
- 4) Read vv18-30. What is idolatry and how does it interfere with our relationship with God? What does it mean to pray wholeheartedly (Jer9:23-24; Matt22:37)? Read vv31-43. How persistent was this blind man (v39)? How was the healing a means to the healer and not the healer a means to the healing (v43)? The deepest and most enduring pleasure is not from God, but in God. Explain.
- 5) Read vv31-34. What is the basis of our access to the throne room of God? What is the measure of His love for us? What is the measure of His work in, through, and for us? Pray confidently, humbly, wholeheartedly and persistently in the name of Christ.