ALWAYS PRAY AND DON’T GIVE UP

Luke 18:1–8

Key Verse: 18:1

1. Review the highlights of what Jesus has just been teaching (17:20–37). What can we learn here about the challenges we face as we await his return?
2. In light of this, what did our Lord Jesus teach us? (18:1) What did he mean by “always pray”? By “not lose heart”? Why is such prayer so crucial while we await his return? (21:36; 22:32,40,46; Gal6:9; Heb12:3)
3. In the parable who are the contrasting characters and how does Jesus describe them? (18:2,3) What might the widow mean by “my adversary,” and “justice”? What eventually moved the unrighteous judge to act? (4,5) How does this illustrate Jesus’ point? (1)
4. How is the situation of “his elect” like this widow’s? (21:12,16–17) What is Jesus teaching us here about God? (7–8a; Ps9:8; 10:17–18) In what sense does he answer our prayer “speedily”? (11:13) What does it mean to “cry to him day and night”?
5. What is Jesus’ conclusion? (8b) How can we have this kind of faith? (Heb10:23–25; Jas5:7–9)