

# LIFE LESSONS: *The Parables of Jesus*

**INTRODUCTION:** In simple terms, a parable is a fictional story to make a point. Jesus was well known for using stories to relay a truth. In fact, there are somewhere around 30-50 parables of Jesus recorded within the scripture. In most of the parables, we'll find Jesus relaying why He came & what we should do. Let's go!!!

## **WEEK 5: THE PARABLE OF THE PERSISTENT WIDOW**

### **ICE-BREAKER:**

- What's your favorite Christmas Movie?

### **TENSION:**

- When was the last time you found yourself in a place of desperation? Explain.
- How do you respond when God doesn't seem to be listening or answering your prayers when you want or how you want?

### **TRUTH: Read Luke 18:1-8**

- In your own words, how is the widow resilient? Can you relate? Why or why not?
- Can you pray continuously even when God's response is delayed?
- Can you think of something worth a lifetime of persistent faith and prayer?

### **LIFE LESSON: REMAIN FAITHFUL TO THE FINISH!**

- What are some characteristics of someone who is relentless in their relationship with God?

### **TAKEAWAYS: FIVE PRACTICES TO RELENTLESSLY PURSUE GOD.**

#### **1: God's your most reliable resource!**

-Do you live your life like that's true?

-Read 1 Corinthians 1:9.

#### **2: Be in constant conversation with God.**

-What would change if you were?

-Read 1 Thessalonians 5:17.

#### **3: Reliance leads to resilience.**

-Where do you need to lean heavily on God right now?

-Read Lamentations 3:22-23 & 1 Peter 5:6.

#### **4: Waiting leads to growth within us.**

-When was the last time waiting served you well in the end? Where do you need to simply wait on God right now?

-Read Ephesians 3:20 & Psalms 27:14.

#### **5: You must trust God in the midst of trouble: Send an S.O.S.**

-What would it look like to practice SILENCE, OBEDIENCE & SURRENDER this week?

-Read Isaiah 55:8

**REMEMBER: 2 Timothy 2:13 NLT "If we are unfaithful, he remains faithful, for he cannot deny who he is."**