

In Search of Faith
Luke 18:1-8
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Thesis: I want to show the importance of having real Biblical, trusting, faith.

Intro: 1. What comes to your mind when you think of faith?
2. Do you wait on the Lord? Or do you one who complains?

I. How long?

A. What this question is asking (**Ps 13:1-4; Ps 80:3-8**)

1. When are you going to act?

B. What this question says to God – “oh you of little faith”

1. We doubt – but Christ says don’t worry about your clothes or daily necessities
(**Mt 6:30**)

2. We doubt – but Christ says He can handle our storms of life; physical or spiritual
(**Mt 8:26**).

3. We doubt – but Christ says keep your eyes on me (**Mt 14:30-31**).

4. We doubt – but Christ says I will provide (**Mt 16:8-9**).

II. Why do we doubt or worry.

A. Because life is hard and we want to know Christ is there.

1. Life is hard sometimes because of no fault of our own (**Ps 69:4**)

2. Sometimes because we have faltered (**Ps 69:5**).

B. Because we are scared. (**Ps 69:1-3**)

1. Though we may be unsure or scared we can and must rely upon God.

2. **Psalm 52:8-9**

III. What Christ reveals to us through His parable.

A. (**Luke 18:1-8a**)

1. The judge was pestered by the woman, but he answered because of her persistence.

2. We do not pester God by our prayers, but we must keep bringing our prayers before Him.

3. The Lord will answer our prayers, but do we have enough faith and patience to wait on Him?

B. (**Luke 18:8b,1; Psalm 13:5-6**)

1. Will the Lord real faith in you?

2. We will rejoice when the Lord repays those who are contrary to His people.

3. We must rejoice as He cares for us everyday (**1 Pt 5:7**).

Application & Conclusion:

1. What about you?

2. Do you wait on the Lord? Do you trust in Him? Will He find that you really do have faith in Him?

3. Full Invitation