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# The Widow Who Kept Asking

Luke 18:1-8



YOUR BIBLE READING

**We can keep praying because God cares about justice.**

Inside: two extended reading pages, a thoughtful reflection, creative activities and a grown-up guide.

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# The Widow Who Would Not Be Ignored

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Jesus told his followers a parable so that they would keep praying and not lose heart. In a certain town there was a judge who neither respected God nor cared about people. A judge should listen fairly and protect justice, but this man did not have that kind of concern. Jesus began with an official whose character made the next person's need especially difficult to bring before him.

A widow lived in the same town. Her husband had died, and she needed justice against someone opposing her. She kept coming to the judge and asking him to defend her case. Jesus did not explain the argument, name the opponent, or describe the woman's home. The important facts were that she needed a fair hearing and that the person with authority was refusing to give her help.

For a time the judge would not act. At last, he said to himself that he would give her justice because she kept troubling him. He still admitted that he did not care about God or other people. His decision did not come from a newly generous heart. He wanted the persistent requests to stop. Even this unfair judge eventually decided to respond rather than continue ignoring the widow.

Jesus asked his listeners to pay attention to what the unjust judge had said. The official was not a portrait of God's character. He was the smaller, worse example in a comparison. If even such a person could finally respond to a repeated request, Jesus' followers could think differently about calling to a God who truly cared. The story would lead from a widow's persistence toward confidence in the goodness and justice of God.

**Remember:** I can keep bringing my concerns to the God who cares.

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# Read Deeper: God Is Not the Unjust Judge

Luke 18:1-8



Jesus spoke of God's people crying out to him day and night. He asked whether God would bring justice for them. His answer pointed toward God's certain action, even while the people experienced waiting. Unlike the judge, God did not need to be made caring by irritation. The contrast is essential. Persistent prayer rests on the character of a just God, not on the idea that God enjoys ignoring pain.

The parable then ends with a searching question. When the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth? Jesus did not finish by giving each listener a timetable for a court decision or a promise that every earthly disagreement would end exactly as requested. He directed their attention toward continuing trust. The invitation was to keep praying and not give up on God's justice while they waited.

To understand justice in ordinary life, think of a child whose work is repeatedly taken by someone else. This is a present-day example, not another event in Jesus' story. The child can tell a responsible adult clearly, explain what happened, and keep seeking appropriate help if the first adult does not understand. Persistence is not rude when someone needs safety or a fair response to a real wrong.

Jesus' widow was not praised for pretending that nothing hurt. She named the wrong and asked for it to be addressed. Her repeated requests help us understand active hope. Prayer can include sorrow, a clear appeal for fairness, and continued trust in God. It can also sit alongside wise action and support from people who have a responsibility to protect those being treated unjustly.

**Pause and think:** What would a fair and caring response look like in a situation that has been troubling you?

THINK, NOTICE & GROW

# Keep Asking for What Is Right



The widow asked for justice, not a prize that would make her more important than someone else. When you pray about a difficult situation, try naming what is wrong and what kind of help is needed. You may need comfort, a fair hearing, protection, or help telling the truth. Simple, honest words can make the need clearer to you as well.

If someone keeps hurting, threatening, or treating you unfairly, tell a trusted adult. If the first person cannot help, tell another responsible adult. Prayer does not require keeping a harmful secret or waiting alone. A parent, teacher, counselor, or other safe person can help decide what steps are needed. You are not responsible for solving the whole problem by being more persistent on your own.

Waiting can feel discouraging. You can bring that feeling to God without pretending to be cheerful. This parable gives space for a request repeated over time. While you wait, notice the people who listen well, the practical help available, and the next safe step. Hope can continue through both prayer and the support of others.

## A SMALL STEP FOR TODAY

**Jesus encourages continued prayer and trust in God's justice when waiting is hard.**

What would a fair and caring response look like in a situation that has been troubling you?

# Read, Remember & Create

Name: _____ Date: _____

## 1 Think about the reading

**1.** Why did the unfair judge finally act?

**2.** Is God uncaring like the judge?

## 2 Put the ideas in order

Write 1, 2 and 3 for the order these ideas appear in the reading.

- ☐ The judge refused, but she kept returning.
- ☐ The judge finally decided to act on her case.
- ☐ The widow asked the judge for justice.

## 3 Draw a meaningful picture

Draw the widow speaking clearly about her need for justice.

Tell someone how your picture connects to the reading.

# Read & Grow Together

## Read and learn with context

This English edition is designed for ages 6-10 with an adult. Read both extended readings together, or enjoy one each day. Pause at unfamiliar words, invite questions and use the reflection page to connect the story with everyday life. These are retellings and lessons with explanations; read the listed Bible passage for context. Poetry, parables, letters and symbolic visions are identified by type.

## Remember this

I can keep bringing my concerns to the God who cares.
**Original memory thought, not a direct Bible quotation.** Related passage: Luke 18:1,7-8

## A thoughtful conversation

The judge is a contrast to God, not a picture of God needing to be annoyed into kindness. Persistence is not a formula guaranteeing a requested object or timetable.

## Activity answers

**1.** He wanted the widow to stop bothering him.
**2.** No. Jesus contrasts the selfish judge with God, who cares for his people.
**Sequence boxes, top to bottom:** 2, 3, 1. Personal responses and drawings will vary.

## Optional prayer

God, help us keep praying and care about what is fair. Amen.

## Print and share

Each pack has 6 pages. Print on A4 at Actual Size (100%). The worksheet is page 5. You may print just that page, or use the separate 150-page activity book. The collection contains 150 packs in Bible book order, 15 volumes and one ZIP. Catalog pack IDs stay the same when new readings are added.

## Sources and sharing

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