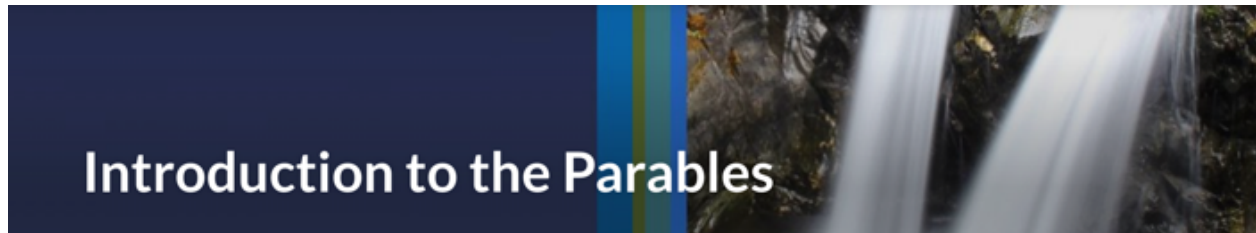


## 081218 Growth Group Study



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1. Discussion around most recent sermon:

a. **Date:** 08/12/18

b. **Series:** Parables

c. **Title:** "A Faith That Prays"

d. **Text** (scripture from today's sermon):

- Luke 18:1-8 (NIV)

**18** Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up. <sup>2</sup>He said: "In a certain town there was a judge who neither feared God nor cared what people thought. <sup>3</sup>And there was a widow in that town who kept coming to him with the plea, 'Grant me justice against my adversary.'

<sup>4</sup>"For some time he refused. But finally he said to himself, 'Even though I don't fear God or care what people think, <sup>5</sup>yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will see that she gets justice, so that she won't eventually come and attack me!'"

<sup>6</sup>And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. <sup>7</sup>And will not God bring about justice for his chosen ones, who cry out to him day and night? Will he keep putting them off? <sup>8</sup>I tell you, he will see that they get justice, and quickly. However, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?"

d. **Preacher:** Ryan Hinn

f. **Scripture Reading:**

- Deuteronomy 7:9, 10:17, 18, 21 (NIV):

<sup>9</sup>Know therefore that the LORD your God is God; he is the faithful God, keeping his covenant of love to a thousand generations of those who love him and keep his commandments.

<sup>17</sup>For the LORD your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who shows no partiality and accepts no bribes.

<sup>18</sup>He defends the cause of the fatherless and the widow, and loves the foreigner residing among you, giving them food and clothing.

<sup>21</sup>He is the one you praise; he is your God, who performed for you those great and awesome wonders you saw with your own eyes.

**g. Specific questions from today's sermon:**

1. Life is difficult – what are we to do?

- What did Jesus do?

2. Describe the structure of the parable:

- Usual

- Unexpected

- Unsettled

3. When in prayer, humans are naturally concerned with “what” and “why”?

- And how does that differ from God?

4. What is your interpretation of what Jesus saying in verse 6-8?

5. Why is God is more concerned with changing me than my circumstances?

6. Why is persistent prayer important?

7. What are the implications and applications of this text to you?

**g. Reference Text/Books:**

- 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18