IT'S HARD
Pray for It #3
January 28, 2024

Big Idea: _____ in prayer builds prevailing _____.

1. **God _____ audacious prayer. (Luke 11:5-8)**

   - **Audacious prayers are based on God's _____ to _____.**

   - **This "audacity" sits within the confines of God's _____ (1 John 5:14-15)**

2. **God _____ audacious persistence.**

   - **Persistence is based on God's _____ to you. (Luke 11:9-10)**

   - **Persistence is encouraged by God's _____ for you. (Luke 11:11-13)**

3. **God uses persistent prayer to build _____.**
   (Luke 18:1-8)

DAILY REFLECTIONS ON PERSISTENT PRAYER

Monday
Read Daniel 6. What did Daniel's jealous competitors do to trap him? What do we learn about Daniel's prayer habit in v. 10? If prayer were made illegal in our time, would there be enough evidence to convict you? What evidence do you see in Daniel's story that persistent prayer built prevailing faith? Be like Daniel in your prayer life!

Tuesday
Read Acts 1. Forty days after the resurrection (v. 3) Jesus ascended to heaven. The disciples returned to Jerusalem as Jesus commanded them. What did they do then (v. 14)? What happened after ten days of persistently praying together (Acts 2)? How does this align with what Jesus promised in Luke 11:13? God honors persistent prayer.

Wednesday
Read Acts 4. What audacious, bold prayer did the disciples pray as soon as Peter and John were released from custody (v. 29-30)? How did God answer? What audacious, bold prayer are you bringing to God over and over?

Thursday
Read Acts 10. Notice the prayer habit of Cornelius (v. 2). What word describes the frequency? What role did prayer play in Peter being sent to witness to Cornelius? Persistent prayer played a strategic role in the first Gentile conversions to Christ. Are you persistently praying for opportunities to Live SENT like Peter?

Friday
Read Ephesians 6:10-20. Paul concludes his teaching on spiritual warfare by telling us to pray. What words does he use to describe the way in which we should pray? Persistent prayer builds prevailing faith that will equip you to "be strong" and "stand against" whatever Satan does to distract, discourage, and silence you.