

All Rise Make Your Case - Day 2

There are times in life when the things we are struggling with just won't end. You pray and pray hard – trying everything you know to do, but it seems like breakthrough just isn't coming. It may even seem like there is a supernatural resistance to the progress you desire. The issue, whether relational, financial, or internal just doesn't budge. In this scenario, it is easy to fall into discouragement and even the belief that your prayers do not matter. This simply isn't true!

In *Luke 18:1-8 (TPT)*, Jesus is teaching the apostles to keep praying and never stop or lose hope. He shares with them this illustration: In a certain town, there was a civil judge, a thick-skinned and godless man who had no fear of others' opinions. And there was a poor widow in that town who kept pleading with the judge, 'Grant me justice and protect me against my oppressor!'

"He ignored her please for quite some time, but she kept asking. Eventually, he said to himself, 'This widow keeps annoying me, demanding her rights, and I'm tired of listening to her...I'll just get her off my back by answering her claims for justice and I'll rule in her favor.'

Jesus explains the story by saying, *"Did you hear what the ungodly judge said – that he would answer her persistent request? Don't you know that God, the true judge, will grant justice to all of his chosen ones who cry out to him night and day? He will not delay to answer you and give you what you ask for. God will give swift justice to those who don't give up..."*

The thing we often forget about God is that he is our Father, friend, and judge – the perfect, righteous, and good judge. He loves to bring resolution and breakthrough for his children, and when we persistently come before him as rightful sons and daughters, remembering all that we have been given, he moves on our behalf. So, don't give up! Breakthrough really is on the way.