WHY CHRISTIANS DON’T PRAY
LUKE 18:1-8 / 8-5-20 / WED

I. FIRST, BECAUSE OF CALM SEAS.

A. Its human nature to do this.

B. What can we do to break this cycle?

1. In some ways it’s natural because life always follows certain rhythms and cycles.

2. There are a couple of things, though, we can do.
   a. First, realize what prayer really is, it’s not just a spare tire in time of need. It’s a relationship.
   b. Second, follow Jesus’ advice on establishing a daily pattern for praying found in Matthew 6.
      i. First, we need a regular time—v.5
      ii. Second, we need a regular place—v.6.
      iii. Third, we need a pattern to follow—v.7.

“ACTS” ACROSTIC

Adoration
Confession
Thanks
Supplication

“PRAY” ACTOSTIC

Praise
Repent
Ask for others
Pray for yourself

II. SECOND, BECAUSE OF SIN.

A. King David knew this could happen—Psalms 66:18.

B. What’s the answer?

1. There’s only one solution: confession—I John 1:9.

III. THIRD, BECAUSE OF DISILLUSIONMENT WITH GOD.

A. Some give up praying because they think God has given up on them or that prayer did not work.

B. What’s should be our response to discouragement or disillusionment with God?


Luke 18:1
Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up.

2. Why? Because God listens and responds, even though it’s not always the way we think He should respond—Luke 18:2-8.