**When God is Silent**

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**Philippians 4:6 (NASB)**
*Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.*

1. **Be persistent in prayer!**

**Luke 18:1-8 (NASB)**
*Now He was telling them a parable to show that at all times they ought to pray and not to lose heart, 2 saying, "In a certain city there was a judge who did not fear God and did not respect man. 3 "There was a widow in that city, and she kept coming to him, saying, 'Give me legal protection from my opponent.' 4 "For a while he was unwilling; but afterward he said to himself, 'Even though I do not fear God nor respect man, 5 yet because this widow bothers me, I will give her legal protection, otherwise by continually coming she will wear me out.'" 6 And the Lord said, "Hear what the unrighteous judge \*said; 7  now, will not God bring about justice for His elect who cry to Him day and night, and will He delay long over them? 8"I tell you that He will bring about justice for them quickly. However, when the Son of Man comes, will He find faith on the earth?"*

**2 Corinthians 12:8-9 (NASB)**
*Concerning this I implored the Lord three times that it might leave me. 9 And He has said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is perfected in weakness." Most gladly, therefore, I will rather boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me.*

1. **Listen for God’s voice. “My grace is sufficient”**

**2 Corinthians 12:9a (NASB)**
*And He has said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is perfected in weakness."*

1. **Trust in God’s power. “power is made perfect”**

**2 Corinthians 12:9b (NASB)**
*…" Most gladly, therefore, I will rather boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me.*

1. **Serve God right where you are. “I delight in weaknesses”**

**2 Corinthians 12:10 (NIV)**
*That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.*

**Luke 22:42-43 (NASB)**
*saying, "Father, if You are willing, remove this cup from Me; yet not My will, but Yours be done."
43  Now an angel from heaven appeared to Him, strengthening Him.*

**John 17:21 (NLT)**
*I pray that they will all be one, just as you and I are one—as you are in me, Father, and I am in you. And may they be in us so that the world will believe you sent me.*

**Stop worrying about receiving and start learning to RELY.**