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LENTEN WORSHIP SERVICE
Modern Parables: A Lenten Film Festival
March 30, 2022 – “The Widow and Judge”: Luke 18:1-8

Prelude

Welcome/Invocation

Hymn:

“If You but Trust in God to Guide You”

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1 If you but trust in God to guide you with gen - tle
 2 What gain is there in anx - ious weep - ing, in help - less
 3 The Lord our rest - less hearts is hold - ing, in peace and
 4 Sing, pray, and keep God's ways un - swerv - ing, of - fer your

hand through all your ways, you'll find that God is there be -
 an - ger and dis - tress? If you are in your Sav - ior's
 qui - et - ness con - tent. We rest in God's good will un -
 serv - vice faith - ful - ly. Trust heav - en's word; though un - de -

side you when cross - es come, in try - ing days. Trust then in
 keep - ing, in sor - row will he love you less? For Christ who
 fold - ing, what wis - dom from on high has sent. God, who has
 serv - ing, you'll find God's prom - ise true to be. This is our

God's un - chang - ing love; build on the rock that will not move.
 took for you a cross will bring you safe through ev - 'ry loss.
 cho - sen us by grace, knows ver - y well the fears we face.
 con - fi - dence in - deed: God nev - er fails in time of need.

Prayer

Gracious God, we pray in the name of Jesus, who taught us your will through parables. We come to you, God, confident in your love and desire to give us what's best for us. Help us to be persistent in praying, even when we're not getting answers we want. And, though it sometimes doesn't feel like it, we know you're listening and love us. **Amen.**

Parable Introduction

Scripture

Luke 18:1-8

¹Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. ²He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. ³In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my opponent.' ⁴For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, ⁵yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.'" ⁶And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. ⁷And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? ⁸I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

Parable Film

The Widow and Judge (16 Min.)

Reflection

- + When is a time in your life that God felt like a stingy and unfair judge?
- + In fact, we are children of a Judge and Father who loves us, even if we don't get what we ask for? What do you think are the benefits of praying, even if you aren't getting what you want?
- + Jesus teaches us in this parable to be persistent in our prayers. What small things could you change in your life, that would help you to be more persistent in prayer?

Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Benediction

1 I want Je - sus to walk with me;
 2 In my tri - als, Lord, walk with me; walk with
 3 When I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;

I want Je - sus to walk with me;
 me: in my tri - als, Lord, walk with me; walk with
 when I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;

all a - long my pil - grim jour - ney,
 me: when my heart is al - most break - ing,
 when my head is bowed in sor - row,

Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.
 Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me. walk with me.
 Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.

P: We've heard the teaching of Jesus. Let's go and live it!

C: **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude