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Prayer: Don't Give Up

Psalm 30:5 - *...For his anger lasts only a moment, but his favor lasts a lifetime! Weeping may last through the night, but joy comes with the morning.*

- **God Doesn't Replace Sorrow With Joy; He Transforms Sorrow Into Joy**

John 16:20-22 - *I tell you the truth, you will weep and mourn over what is going to happen to me, but the world will rejoice. You will grieve, but your grief will suddenly turn to wonderful joy. ²¹ It will be like a woman suffering the pains of labor. When her child is born, her anguish gives way to joy because she has brought a new baby into the world. ²² So you have sorrow now, but I will see you again; then you will rejoice, and no one can rob you of that joy.*

- **The Very Thing That Has Caused Us Pain Is Also The Thing God Uses To Bring Us Joy**

Luke 18:1 - *One day Jesus told his disciples a story to show that they should always pray and never give up*

- **Our Need And Involvement In Insistent Prayer**
 - 1) **Learn How To Rely On God.**
 - 2) **Pray With Tenacity.**
 - 3) **To Contend with Hopelessness, Discouragement and Isolation.**
- **Hard Times Have A Way Of Disrupting Our Passion**
- **When Facing Holding Patterns And Conflicts, Christ-Followers Turn Up The Heat**

Luke 18:2-8 - *“There was a judge in a certain city,” he said, “who neither feared God nor cared about people. ³ A widow of that city came to him repeatedly, saying, ‘Give me justice in this dispute with my enemy.’ ⁴ The judge ignored her for a while, but finally he said to himself, ‘I don’t fear God or care about people, ⁵ but this woman is driving me crazy. I’m going to see that she gets justice, because she is wearing me out with her constant requests!’” ⁶ Then the Lord said, “Learn a lesson from this unjust judge. ⁷ Even he rendered a just decision in the end. So don’t you think God will surely give justice to his chosen people who cry out to him day and night? Will he keep putting them off? ⁸ I tell you, he will grant justice to them quickly! But when the Son of Man returns, how many will he find on the earth who have faith?”*

- **Prayer Offers A Way For You And God To Face Anything Together**

 - **We’re To Serve Others, Pray, And Strengthen Our Faith**
- 1) **Adversity Is Essential To The Process By Which God Brings Deliverance.**
 - 2) **Despite The Holding Patterns Of Life, God Will Come Through.**