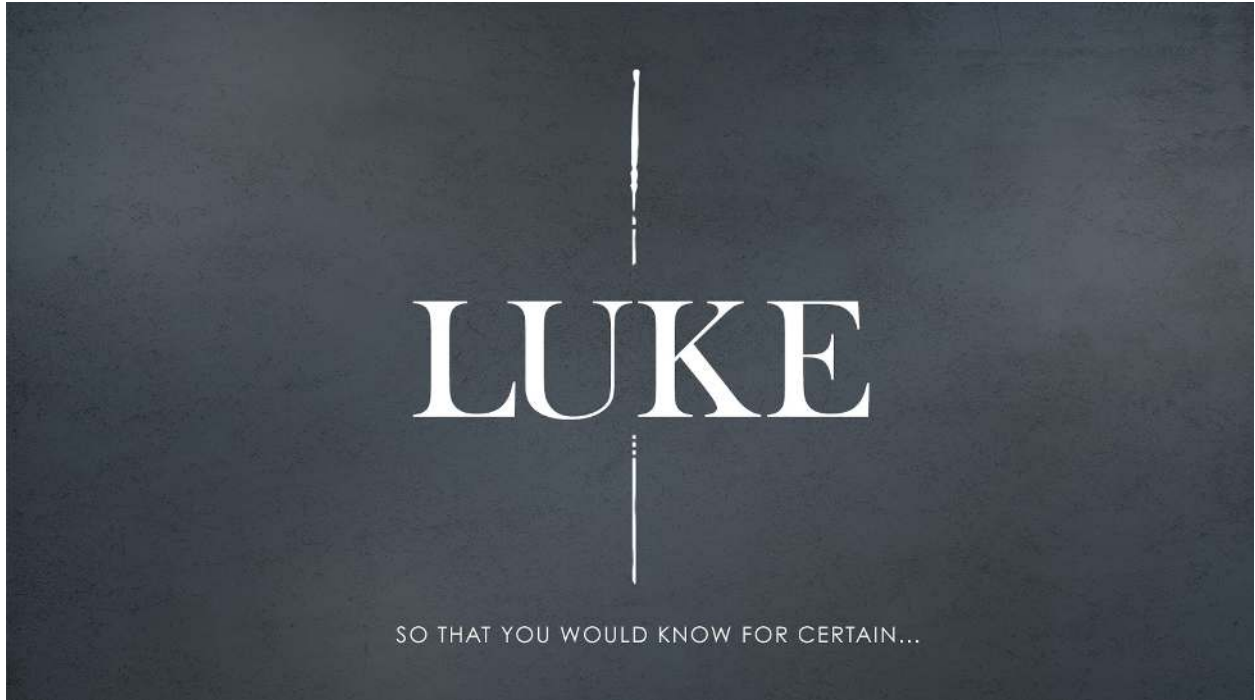


Application Questions

# Prayer & the Weary Heart

## Luke 18:1-14



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The reality is that life can be difficult, but specifically and especially, the reality that a life of following Jesus can be difficult. Here's the incredible news. Jesus knows, and understands. And, in this difficult life- Jesus says to pray and not to lose heart.

### **Read LUKE 18:1-14**

What are the places in your life that you are currently experiencing the weight of a broken world?

Are there circumstances in life right now that have you asking "how much farther or is it over yet?"

According to Jesus, Prayer steadies weary hearts. He says to pray and not lose heart. What have you done instead of prayer in the past, attempting to steady your heart or relieve your exhaustion in life? What results did that have?

If you are willing to share, what's a prayer that you are almost tired of praying and hoping that the righteous judge brings justice quickly? How have you seen God work in this prayer, and how is He using you in it's answer?

How does II Cor. 4:16-18 shed light on what God is accomplishing in our circumstance?

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What are the habits of continual, persistent prayer that you have developed and been able to stick to? How do the following passages shape how you think about prayer? [Heb. 12:12, Eph. 6:18, Col. 4:2, I Thes. 5:16]

How do those verses describe our responsibility in prayer?

The Pharisee and the Tax Collector prayed significantly different prayers. How can we learn from each of their prayers?

What's the simplest, most meaningful prayer that you can adopt and learn to pray?