



## **CIRCLE | Faith That Won't Quit** **February 5, 2017**

**Text: Luke 18:1-8 (p.877)**

We often verbalize the \_\_\_\_\_ of perseverance, and we applaud those who persevere. We just don't want to be the ones who persevere.

And that's a problem because drawing circles – praying and acting \_\_\_\_\_ – requires perseverance.

This parable is a story of \_\_\_\_\_.

If this unjust judge will do this as the result of perseverance, \_\_\_\_\_ will God do? (**Mt 7:11**)

We as Jesus followers are totally \_\_\_\_\_ of the widow. We are not abandoned or powerless or forgotten.

And God is the utter \_\_\_\_\_ of the judge. God is righteous and just, holy and tender, responsive and sympathetic.

\_\_\_\_\_ **is core to a life of faith.**

We can too easily interpret an unanswered prayer as a “no” because it hasn't happened \_\_\_\_\_.

But it's really not a “no”; it's a “\_\_\_\_\_.” (**Mt 7:7-8; Gal. 6:7-9**)

Our response to “\_\_\_\_\_” is to pray in faith and not give up.

We draw our circles, and we \_\_\_\_\_ ourselves in those circles.

When we pray in faith, we believe that God will answer right now while at the same time we have faith to \_\_\_\_\_ until it happens.

If Jesus returns tomorrow, I want him to find me standing in circles, believing for \_\_\_\_\_ rather than settling for \_\_\_\_\_.