

Catching Up With The Radical Rabbi Sermon Series
"The Radical Rabbi Who Made Up Stories"
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Scripture Reading: Luke 18:1-8 NRSV

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?"

Discussion Questions:

1. What jumps out at you about this story of Jesus?
2. What are some of your favorite parables in the gospels? Why?
3. Has there been a time during this pandemic that you just wanted to throw in the towel?
4. What is it that is so special about stories?
5. How would you describe the judge in your own words? The persistent widow?
6. Sometimes in this life justice is served, but other times it isn't. How does this parable speak to those who leave this earth never experiencing justice?
7. How is God different than the judge in the story?
8. How are we to be like the persistent widow?
9. How does this parable help you not to lose heart?
10. What do you think Jesus meant when he asked, "when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"