

- ◆ Matthew 26:36-44

Jesus **struggled** in prayer.

- ◆ Matthew 27:46

There is total **intenseness** in Jesus' prayer.

Other examples of prayer in the Gospels

- ◆ Matthew 15:27

Here is a **total cry** of the human heart.

- ◆ Luke 2:37

- ◆ Luke 11:1-12

Jesus is saying "Your **importunity** has value."

- ◆ Luke 18:1-6

We should always pray this way and not **faint**.

An example from the Epistles

- ◆ Romans 12:12

It is a **command** and so the sense of intenseness.

- ◆ Hebrews 5:7

Prayer makes a **difference** in **history**.

Small Group Discussion Questions:

1) Importunity means "to ask for urgently and repeatedly or persistently". Why would importunity in prayer be meaningless if God were merely an impersonal Force?

2) If Jesus was fully divine, why did he need to be a man of prayer?

3) What might we learn from seeing that prayer accompanied all the great moments of Jesus' ministry? When do you find yourself praying the most?

4) Discuss the difference between prayer as devotional exercise or a duty and it being an intimate communication?

5) Have you thought of begging God and persisting upon Him as something negative or positive? Explain.



Redeeming Notes

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Luke 11:1-12; 18:1-6

Importunity and Intenseness in prayer makes sense only if God is a **Person**.

Jesus' example in prayer

◆ Matthew 14:23

We see in Jesus the **importance** of prayer.

◆ Mark 1:35

Prayer accompanied all the **great moments** of his ministry.

Prayer was an **intimate communication** with his Father.

◆ Luke 6:12

We see the **persistence** of Jesus in prayer.