

**“Relentless” - A Mother’s Day Message**  
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**USING THIS SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE**

We have provided all the Scriptures referenced in the sermon and some discussion questions for you to use to facilitate a discussion.

This Sermon Discussion Guide is only a tool to aid you in meeting the needs of your group. For most groups, there are too many questions to answer in one session together.

While the questions are important, remember your group’s goal is not to pound through the questions but to create an atmosphere that will foster true friendships, so use the discussion questions as you see fit, but emphasize the relationships.

**Proverbs 30:17** – Pastor Dave’s mom reminded him of this verse in his time of rebellion. 😊  
*“...The eye that despises a mother’s instructions will be plucked out by ravens of the valley and eaten by vultures”*

**Luke 1:45**

*And blessed is she who **believed that there would be a fulfillment** of what had been spoken to her by the Lord.*

**Acts 16:31**

*“Believe in the Lord Jesus and you will be saved, **along with everyone in your household.**”*

**John 5:14-15**

*This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. And since we know he hears us when we make our requests, we also know that he will give us what we ask for.*

God offers an invitation to parents to pray for the salvation of their families – it’s His will that all be saved. When we agree with this, we’re in the center of God’s will!

**Luke 18:1-2,4,6-8**

*One day Jesus taught the apostles to keep praying and never stop or lose hope. He shared with them this illustration: “In a certain town there was a civil judge, a thick-skinned and godless*

man who had no fear of others' opinions. "He ignored her pleas for quite some time, but she kept asking. Eventually he said to himself, 'This widow keeps annoying me, demanding her rights, and I'm tired of listening to her. Even though I'm not a religious man and don't care about the opinions of others, I'll just get her off my back by answering her claims for justice and I'll rule in her favor. Then she'll leave me alone.'" The Lord continued, "Did you hear what the ungodly judge said—that he would answer her persistent request? Don't you know that God, the true judge, will grant justice to all of his chosen ones who cry out to him night and day? He will pour out his Spirit upon them. He will not delay to answer you and give you what you ask for. **God will give swift justice to those who don't give up. So be ever praying, ever expecting, just like the widow was with the judge. Yet when the Son of Man comes back, will he find this kind of persistent faithfulness in his people?"**

1. **Be Relentless in Prayer!**

2. **God wants Parents to Partner with HIM!**

**Isaiah 55:8-9**

*"My thoughts are nothing like your thoughts," says the Lord. "And my ways are far beyond anything you could imagine. For just as the heavens are higher than the earth, so my ways are higher than your ways and my thoughts higher than your thoughts.*

3. **Never come into agreement with a lie!**

4. **Prophecy - and Speak Life over Your Child**

**Isaiah 52:7**

*"How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news!"*

## **TALK IT THROUGH**

1. Who of you in the group were raised by a praying mom or grandmother? How do you think your life is different because of her prayers?
2. Read Luke 18: 1, 2, 4, 6-8 (above) as a group. What is Jesus' primary message through this story? How does this speak to you, individually? Do you find Jesus' teaching on prayer easy to apply, or challenging? Why?
3. Who in your life needs relentless prayer? Pastor Lee made the differentiation between partnering with God for these people in our lives, or asking Him to partner with us. How would you describe your approach to this point? Have you asked God what His plan is for this person's life?

4. Read John 8:44 together. How did Jesus describe the devil? How has the enemy tried to distract or discourage you from partnering with God for the rescue and freedom of those in your life who are in great need?
5. Spend time in prayer as a group and prophesy – if you don't have a specific God-given prophecy, speak out Scripture – over the lives of those your group has mentioned today.
6. In the days and weeks ahead, what's one thing you can identify as an area you want to grow in as you become "relentless" in prayer?