THE SECRET SAUCE - PRAYER AND FASTING
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I. PRAYER - Basic principles of establishing prayer in our lives
   A. 1) When and Where - Set a time and place
      1. Former Executive Vice President of Walt Disney World Resorts, Lee Cockerell said, “What gets scheduled gets done.”
   B. 2) What - Pray Word based prayers
      1. Isa 55:10-11 - His word will not return void, it will accomplish what He sends it to do
   C. 3) How - Pray Bold, Pray Believing

II. Luke 18:1-8 - Concluding illustration of Jesus’ teaching in chapter 17 of the return of Christ
   A. V1 - Jesus answers two important questions about prayer:
      1. HOW OFTEN?
      2. HOW LONG?
   B. HOW OFTEN - “ALWAYS” - FREQUENCY, HABIT, CONSISTENCY
      1. Always - pantote - Duration of time, at all times, on every occasion
      2. 1 Thess 5:16-18 - Never stop praying
         a) Ceasing - adialeiptos - Uninterruptedly, without omission, continuous activity
      3. Phil 4:6-7 - Be anxious for nothing, pray about everything
         a) Anxious - merimnao - Apprehension, worried, troubled, anxiety
            (1) Be (Become) - Come to be; undergo change or development
         b) Prayer - proseuche - To speak to God, ask or make a request
         c) Supplication - deesis - An earnest or urgent request to God
         d) Thanksgiving - eucharistia - Express gratitude or show appreciation
            (1) 1 Peter 5:7 7 casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you.
         e) Peace - eirene - Harmony, tranquility, favorable, free from worry
         f) Surpasses - huperecho - To hold above; To excel or surpass in value
         g) Understanding - nous - The mind, the psychological facility of understanding, reasoning and deciding; way of thinking
            (1) Prov 3:5-6 - Do not lean on your own understanding, Trust in Him
         h) Guard - phroureo - To keep watch over, guard against
   C. HOW LONG? - “NOT LOSE HEART” - PERSISTENCE, TENACITY, COURAGE
      1. Lose heart - enkakeo - Become discouraged or disheartened; lose motivation or give up
      2. Discouragement - Webster - “dis”-courage; to deprive of courage
3. **Josh 1:5-7** 6 *Be strong* and of good courage

D. **Two Characters in this parable:** Widow Woman, Male Judge (Unjust judge)

E. **Trouble** - *kopos* - Distress or bothersome, suffering

F. **Coming** - *erchomai* - To move toward, approach someone

G. **Weary** - *hypopiaz* - Wear down, exhaust by annoyance,

H. **Continual** - *telos* - The point where something ends, terminates or is completed; conclusion or goal

I. **Unjust judge** - *adikia* - Injustice, morally wrongful

1. **2 Tim 4:8** - The Lord is a righteous Judge!
   a) **Isa 41:21** - "Present your case,"

III. **APPLICATION:**

A. Are you more inclined to pray about everything or worry about everything?

B. Have you become consumed with anxiety about things in your life?

C. What do you need to give to God and receive His peace in its place?

D. Have you lost heart and become discouraged in praying for something?

E. Are you willing to pray determined to receive what God has for you no matter how long?

F. What areas of your life do you need to “keep comin’” until you see breakthrough?