

## Life's Hard - Pray Hard

Some difficulties in life must be confronted and overcome only by prayer. Life's hard; you better pray hard. **Psalm 32:7** You *are* my hiding place; You shall preserve me from trouble; You shall surround me with songs of deliverance.

### Luke 18:1-5

#### Faith is demonstrated by persistence

- Often times answers to prayer come only through persistence.
- Elijah's Persistence
  - **James 5:17-18**
  - **1 Kings 18:41-46**

#### Faith starts with hearing God's Word

- Boldness and persistence in prayer comes from hearing and knowing God's voice - God's will.
- Ask God -
  - How do you want me to pray about this?
  - What is your will in this situation?
  - What do I need to do?
  - Show me what I need to know.
- Seek God's perspective - **Isaiah 55:6-13**
  - Seek & call - pray
  - Make necessary changes - cut & trim
  - Get God involved in your situation
    - Some things can only be changed by prayer - **Mark 9:29** Get God's perspective

### Ephesians 3:20