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Part 4: Importance of Persistent Prayer Text: Luke 18:1

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John 5:30 (NLT) I can do nothing on my own. I judge as God tells me. Therefore, my judgment is just, because I carry out the will of the one who sent me, not my own will.

Ephesians 6:18-20 (NLT) Pray in the Spirit at all times and on every occasion. Stay alert and be persistent in your prayers for all believers everywhere. (19) And pray for me, too. Ask God to give me the right words so I can boldly explain God’s mysterious plan that the Good News is for Jews and Gentiles alike. (20) I am in chains now, still preaching this message as God’s ambassador. So pray that I will keep on speaking boldly for him, as I should.

John 21:15-18 (NLT)

2. _____, God _____ His people.

Psalms 18:3-6 (NLT) I called on the Lord, who is worthy of praise, and he saved me from my enemies. (4) The ropes of death entangled me; floods of destruction swept over me. (5) The grave wrapped its ropes around me; death laid a trap in my path (6) But in my distress I cried out to the Lord; yes, I prayed to my God for help. He heard me from his sanctuary; my cry to him reached his ears.

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Isaiah 48:17 (NLT) This is what the Lord says—your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel: “I am the Lord your God, who teaches you what is good for you and leads you along the paths you should follow.”

Isaiah 49:4,8 (NLT) I replied, “But my work seems so useless! I have spent my strength for nothing and to no purpose. Yet I leave it all in the Lord’s hand; I will trust God for my reward.” (8) This is what the Lord says: “At just the right time, I will respond to you. On the day of salvation I will help you. I will protect you and give you to the people as my covenant with them. Through you I will reestablish the land of Israel and assign it to its own people again.”

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