

## **BOLD** *Prayers*

### PERSISTENTLY BOLD PRAYERS

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Text: 1 Kings 17-18

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(week 2) “Persistently Bold Prayers”  
Small Group Discussion Questions

**Focus:** Bold prayers often require tenacious persistence.

I. Prayer \_\_\_\_\_ requires bold persistence

II. Bold Persistence requires prayer \_\_\_\_\_

III. Pin your persistence on \_\_\_\_\_

### SMALL TALK

1. What did you use to do to get your way with your parents: Sulk? Cry? Bribery? Persistence? Force? Wit? What worked best?

### VIEWPOINT

2. **READ Luke 18:1-8.** What is the main point of Jesus' story?
3. **READ James 5:16-18.** How was Elijah just like us? What are the characteristics that made His prayers so effective?
4. **READ 2 Corinthians 12:7-10.** How many times did Paul pray for the removal of a particular suffering he was enduring? Why did he not pray more times than he stated?

### GETTING PERSONAL

5. Have you experienced a time when apparently God said “no” or “not now” to your prayer request? Do you understand the reason for that answer now? Do you think there will be answers you many never understand on this side of eternity? If so, how does that make you feel?
6. How would you rate the degree of faith you currently have in God’s ability to answer prayers: High, low, or in between? Why?
7. What are some prayers you are currently praying that apparently God has not yet answered? How have you handled this prayer not being answered? Would it encourage you if we joined you in these prayers today?

### MAKING PROGRESS

8. How is prayer vital for living out each of WCC’s core statements: Everyone has a next step. Don’t do life alone. Do first things first. Saved people serve people. Followers say, “Follow me”. Live with eternal significance?