

## 'The Woman who kept asking'

Luke 18: 1-8



This week's story is very similar to last week's story about the visitor at midnight. Jesus was teaching his followers about how important it is to pray. Sometimes we feel that God doesn't answer our prayers but Jesus tells us not to give up and keep on praying.

Jesus told this story about a Judge in a town.



A Judge looks after a court which is a place where people go if they have done something wrong. The judge decides what punishment they will get.

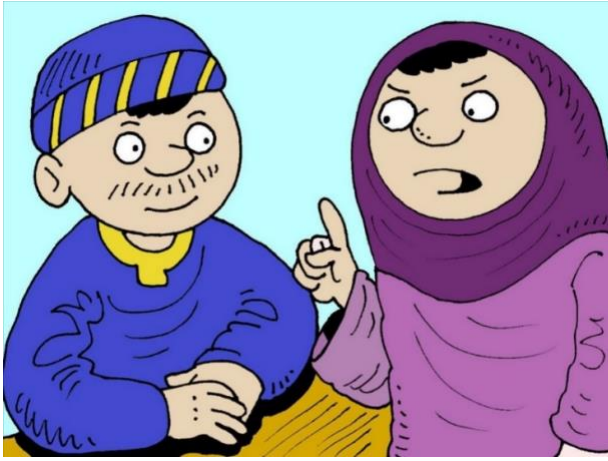
A court is also a place where disagreements are sorted out - say if somebody is owed some money and the person who owes the money refuses to pay it back.



The Judge in the story was not honest and didn't always judge fairly! If you were rich, he made sure that you were treated well. If you were poor, you might be treated unfairly!



One day, an old lady whose husband had sadly died (a widow) came to see the judge



She said, "This man is doing bad things to me and taking things that are mine and he won't give them back! Make him give me back my money."

**"Give me my rights!"**



The Judge did not want to help her and he tried to ignore her - you see, back in those days, a lady whose husband had died, had no one to protect her and sometimes widows were badly treated.

The Widow didn't have any money so the Judge didn't want to help her.



But this Widow was persistent, she was tenacious, she wouldn't give up.

She went to see the Judge over and over and over and over again!



She kept going to see the Judge, "Give me my rights," she shouted.



I'm not sure there were any chimney pots in Israel back then! But if there had been...!

She kept on pestering him, she shouted. "Give me my rights."

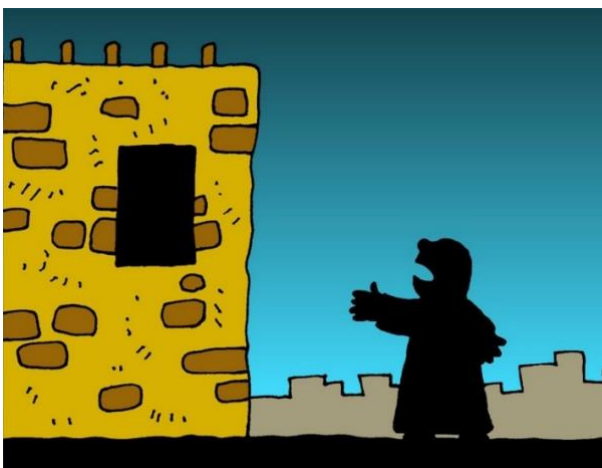


Every time she saw him, wherever he was, she would shout, "Give me my rights." She would not give up!

The Judge was tired, the Judge was fed up.



Even when he was in bed at night.....



..... someone would be shouting outside his house very loudly!



Guess who!

It was the widow AGAIN!



"GIVE ME MY RIGHTS !!!"



When he was at the market....



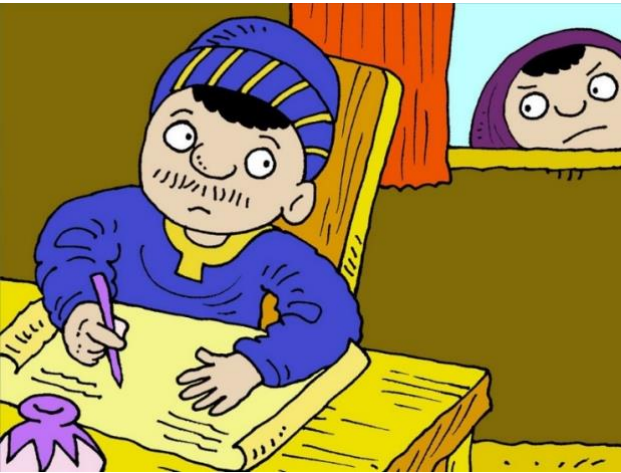
There she was again.....

"Give me my rights."



It was becoming impossible...

Day, night, wherever he went. She turned up everywhere; absolutely everywhere. Even upside down!



The unjust Judge had, had enough.

"I don't care about God and I don't care about what people think, but this woman is driving me crazy. Her constant asking and demanding is going to make me ill!"

"If I give her what she wants she will stop annoying me and if I don't, she will go on and on at me and I might get sick!"



The Judge shouted, "Alright, alright, I give in. I will give you what you want."

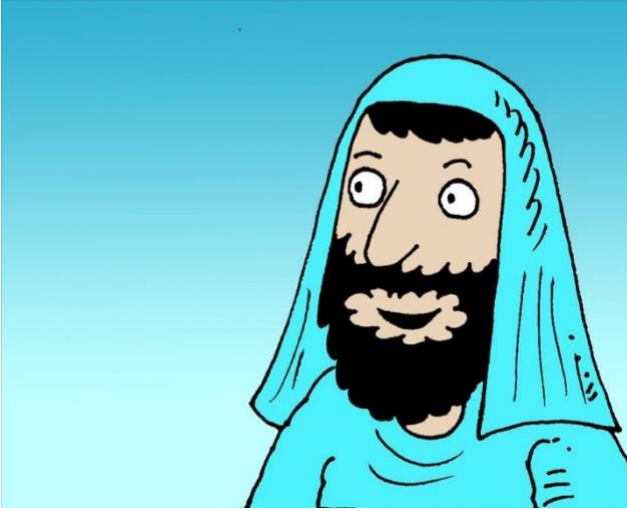
"You will get your rights!"

And off he went to the court to sort out her problem.



So, the widow went away happy...

She was going to get what she was owed!



Jesus said, "God's people cry out to Him day and night and God will be quick to answer their prayers."

But Jesus said to the disciples, "When I come back to earth again, will I find people who trust in me and keep praying?"

"Always be full of joy. Never stop praying. Whatever happens, always be thankful. This is how God wants you to live in Christ Jesus."

*1 Thessalonians 5:16-18*

Now this doesn't mean that we can pester God, like perhaps we pester our parents, to get what we want. It means that we are to keep on praying. God will always answer but not always in the way we want! God wants us to go to him, all the time, and not just in times of need!

Remember this mnemonic, P (pray) U (until) S (something) H (happens) **PUSH**

Dear Lord,

Thank you that you promise to listen to our prayers. Please help us to listen to you. Thank you that you promise to answer our prayers; even when we don't get what we want. Thank you that you know what is best for us.

Amen

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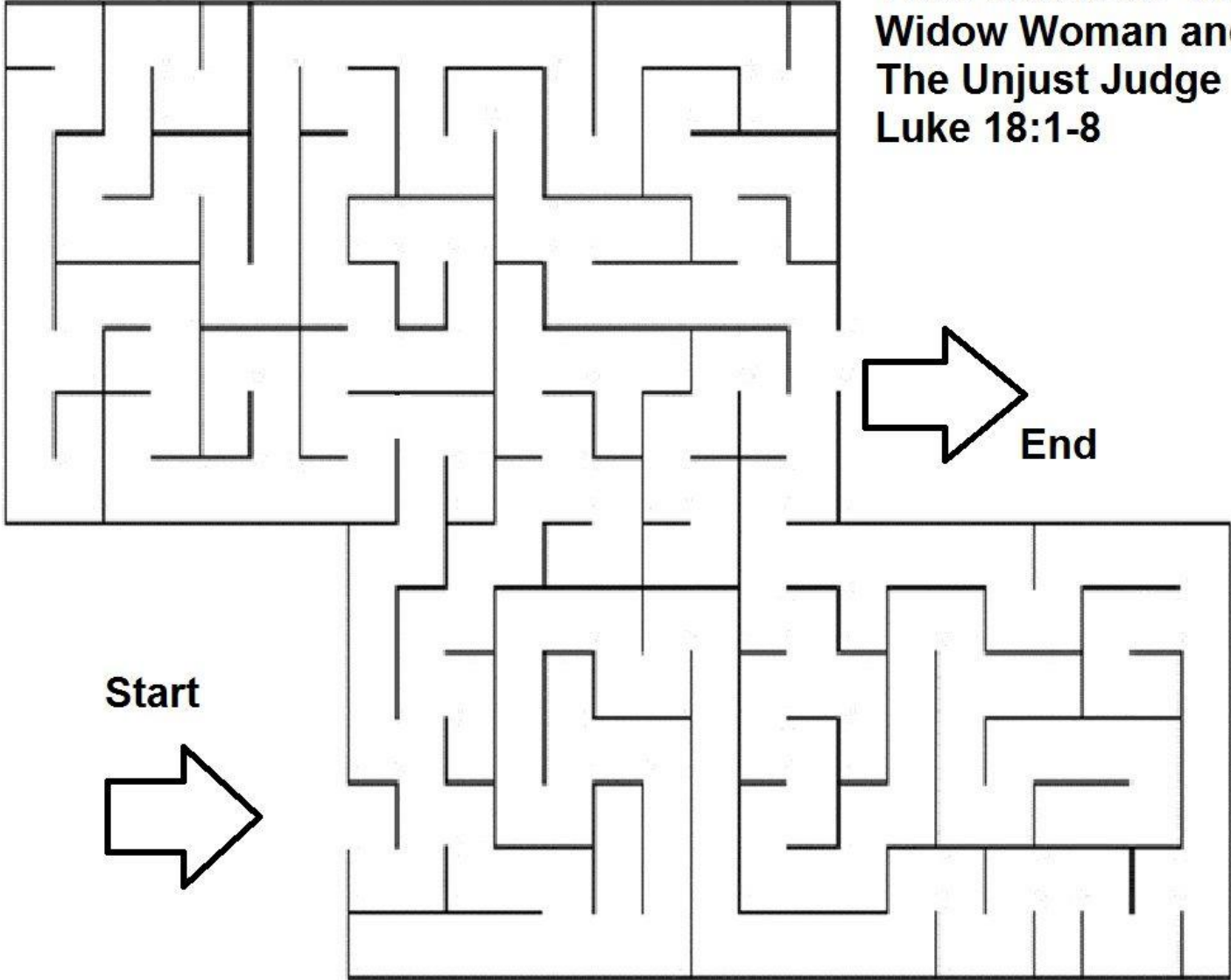
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The Parable Of The  
Widow Woman and  
The Unjust Judge  
Luke 18:1-8



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# Keep On Praying

Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up. Luke 18:1 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on Luke 18:1-8 (NIV).



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