## Pastor Steve Jaquez: Persistent Prayer

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Esteban Jaquez, pastor of <u>Segunda Iglesia Bautista de Corpus Christi</u>, encouraged his congregation to be persistent in prayer, even when—especially when—it seems God isn't listening. He offered Jesus' story of the widow who pestered the judge as the model.

Jaquez challenged his hearers to consider what happens when they give up praying. He asked them if they ever feel alone in their prayers. The widow went to the judge by herself and didn't stop going. The fact she was a woman with little money is important to the story, Jaquez explained.

Jaquez shared his own experience of needing to pray without giving up and encouraged his hearers with the promise, "God has an answer." Furthermore, God doesn't get tired of his children asking him for things. These promises are built on a primary aspect of God's nature Jaquez also described.

An English translation of his sermon manuscript is available here. El

manuscrito en español de su sermón está disponible aquí.

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