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*However, when the Son of Man comes, will He find faith on the earth?" Luke 18:8b*



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## Persistent Prayer

I read two fascinating and timely books this past month that I would highly recommend. The first was by **Pastor Erwin Lutzer**, entitled: **"We Will Not Be Silenced"**. Lutzer's book is a call for Christians to: *"Respond Courageously to Our Culture's Assault on Christianity"*. The second book is entitled, **"Live Not by Lies"**, by **Rod Dreher**, is a work to which he gives the subtitle, *"A Manual for Christian Dissidents"*. Dreher's book defines what he describes as a *'soft totalitarianism'*, a progressive and profoundly anti-Christian militancy that is steadily overtaking our society. As I considered the message contained in these books, my Bible reading took me to Jesus' parable in Luke 18, a call to faithful, steadfast prayer.

*Now He was telling them a parable to show that at all times they ought to pray and not to lose heart, saying, "In a certain city there was a judge who did not fear God and did not respect man. There was a widow in that city, and she kept coming to him, saying, 'Give me legal protection from my opponent.' For a while he was unwilling; but afterward he said to himself, 'Even though I do not fear God nor respect man, yet because this widow bothers me, I will give her legal protection, otherwise by continually coming she will wear me out.'" And the Lord said, "Hear what the unrighteous judge said; now, will not God bring about justice for His elect who cry to Him day and night, and will He delay long over them? I tell you that He will bring about justice for them quickly. However, when the Son of Man comes, will He find faith on the earth?" Luke 18:1-8*



*Persistent Prayer in the Storm*

The message in this passage of Christ's warning is clear to us. The greatest threat to the church and the ministry of the gospel is not external, but internal. As our culture descends into the abyss of hate and evil, will we, as believers, lose heart and cease to pray? Will we set aside our greatest weapon of strength, prayer, that God has provided for His people and His church? Let us not abandon persistent prayer to pursue human social interaction and personal activism as we confront our sinful and Godless culture. With appreciation to both authors for their compelling works, I found

I was more convicted by these few verses in Luke on prayer than by the hundreds of pages contained in both books. True faith will lead us to persistent prayer and an unwavering trust in God's sovereignty.

Our mission with RSBCE is to serve churches, pastors, and people who are hungry for the liberating truth of God's Word. Our mission hasn't changed because God's Word and His purpose for His church will never change. Thank you for being part of our ministry. RSBCE exists as an extension of your church, your ministry, and your mission. Our joy in ministry is partnering together with you in Christ as we stand together in the storm of our day - and pray.

## RSBCE November Updates

The Adventure in Albuquerque has begun! God has provided over \$37,000 thus far for a church plant in Albuquerque, New Mexico we are planning for next summer. I made a trip to Albuquerque with Pastor Dan Starcevich in November to meet with area pastors and to canvas the Albuquerque area. We are praying and trusting in God's continued provision as we move forward with plans for the church plant to coincide with the IFCA National Convention in June 2022. Please join us in prayer and financial partnership as we move forward by faith.

After Albuquerque, Nancy and I continued with our missionary journey for the next several days, visiting three IFCA churches in Arizona. Our first stop was Lake Havasu City, AZ at Bethany Bible Church where we were blessed by an evening of worship, fellowship and encouragement with Pastor Dennis and Linda McBride and the dear folks at Bethany. We so appreciated their fellowship and encouragement. We then traveled north to Kingman Bible Church in Kingman, AZ where we enjoyed a Friday evening of worship and 'pickin in the pews' with Pastors Jerry Adams, Michael Parmenter and some church members at Kingman. We made our way to Yuma, Arizona where I taught Sunday School and spoke on Sunday morning at Desert Streams Bible Church. Along our journey, we were blessed and refreshed with the hospitality of Jerry and Debbie Booth in Lake Havasu City and Pastor Daryl and Jeanne Jessup in Yuma. We enjoyed the long drive home, tired, but encouraged in the ministry of the Gospel.



*London Bridge at Lake Havasu City, AZ*

## Please Pray for our Churches and Pastors!

Desert Streams Bible Church: Yuma, AZ: *Pastor Daryl and Jeanne Jessup*

Englewood Bible Church: Englewood, CO: *Interim Pastor Dan and Cheri Starcevich*

Green River Bible Church: Green River, UT: *Pastor Kirk and Paul Dunham*

Kingman Bible Church: Kingman, AZ: *Pastor Jerry and Bobbie Adams, Pastor Michael and Sarah Parmenter*

South Routt Bible Church: Oak Creek, CO: *Pray for God to send a Pastor to shepherd to the flock*

## Our Future Itinerary

December 12	Englewood Bible Church, Englewood, CO
December 19	Pulpit Supply, South Routt Bible Church, Oak Creek, CO
January 2	Pulpit Supply, Green River Bible Church, Green River, UT
January 16	Pulpit Supply, Fairmount Bible Church, Golden, CO
January 24-28	Calvary University, Kansas City, MO: Global Outreach Conference
February 7-10	IFCA Regional Presidents Conference, Bob Jones University, Greenville, SC
February 17-19	ANAM Western Regional, Gilbert, AZ