



Draw Near
Pray Persistently

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**Never
Give Up!**

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A low-angle, close-up shot of a person's legs from the knees down, standing on a wet, reflective pavement at night. The person is wearing dark blue denim jeans and black sneakers with white soles. The background is heavily blurred, showing out-of-focus city lights and streetlights, creating a bokeh effect. The overall mood is urban and atmospheric.

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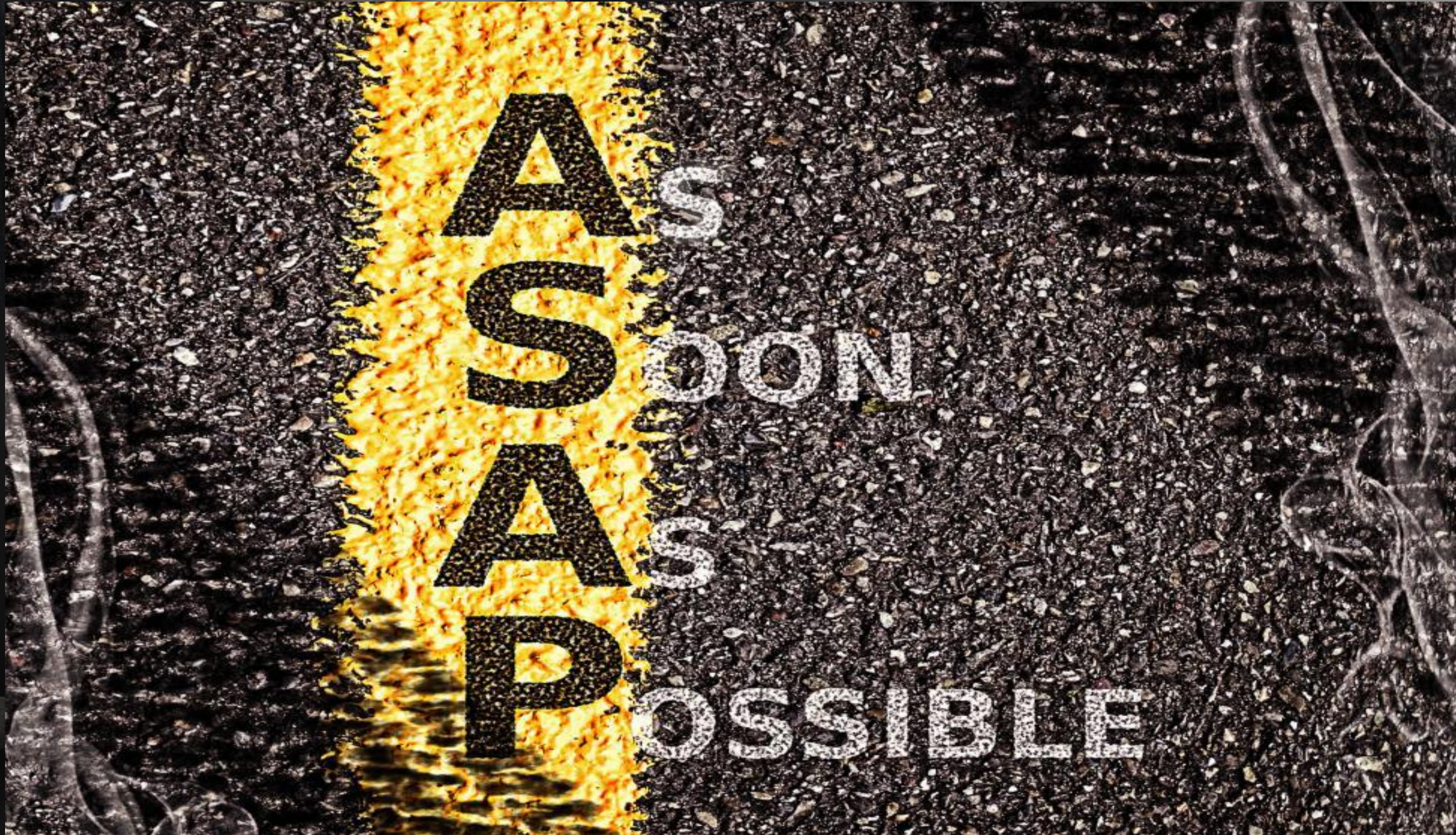
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Why Do I Stop Praying?

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**“ As long as
it takes.... ”**



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A.S.A.P.
Always Say A Prayer

Luke 18:1-8

18 Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up.



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Place Video here

A low-angle, close-up shot of a person's legs from the knees down, wearing dark blue jeans and black sneakers with white soles. They are standing on a wet, dark pavement that reflects the ambient light. The background is blurred, showing bokeh lights from a city street at night. The overall mood is somber and contemplative.

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2 He said: "In a certain town there was a judge who neither feared God nor cared what people thought.



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3 And there was a widow in that town who kept coming to him with the plea, 'Grant me justice against my adversary.'

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4 “For some time he refused. But finally he said to himself, ‘Even though I don’t fear God or care what people think,



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5 yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will see that she gets justice, so that she won't eventually come and attack me!"



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6 And the Lord said, “Listen to what the unjust judge says.



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7 And will not God bring about justice for his chosen ones, who cry out to him day and night? Will he keep putting them off?



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**8 I tell you, he will see that they
get justice, and quickly.**



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However, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?"

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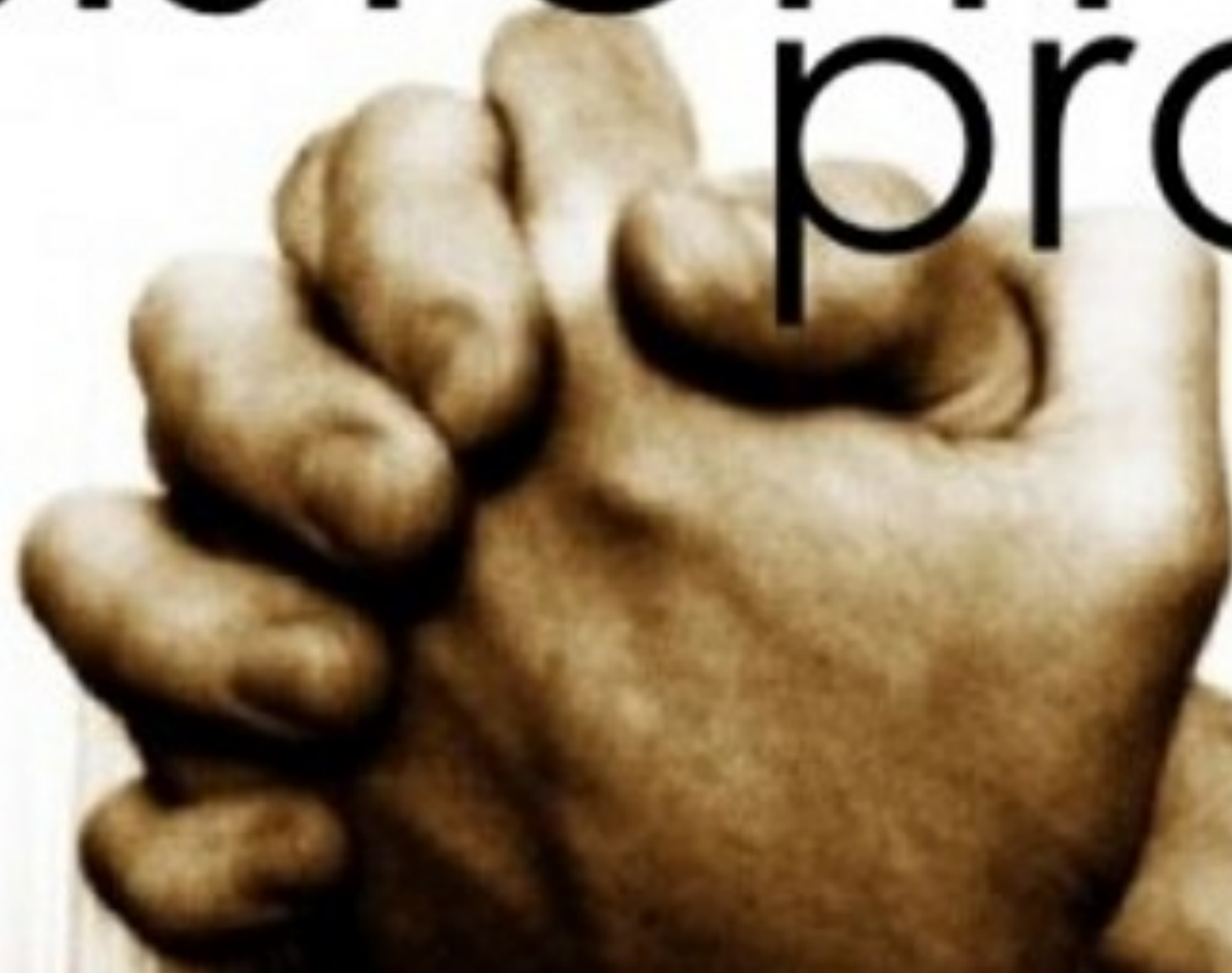
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Persistent prayer





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Two Lessons

**#1 – Do we really believe
in the power of prayer?**

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Do not be anxious
about anything,
but in everything,
by *prayer* and **PETITION**,
with thanksgiving,
present your
requests to God.

PHILIPPIANS 4:6





Two Lessons

#2 – What is God like.....

A person's legs in dark pants and sneakers are visible, standing on a wet, reflective surface at night. The background is blurred, showing city lights and a building. The text is overlaid on the image.

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The trustworthiness and generosity of God. If a crooked judge can give what is asked for, how much more will God who is gracious and kind give us what we pray for.

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PERSISTENCE_{IN}PRAYER



DON'T STOP

KEEP

PRAYING



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When you are overwhelmed with problems and you have no answers....

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**When you are filled with fear and
can only imagine the worst
happening**

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**When you see injustice being
done to others or to you....**

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**When others attack you and hurt
you.....**

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**When you are filled with sorrow
and pain.....**

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**When the people you love seem
lost and confused....**

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**When you are seeking direction
and guidance for your future
plans...**

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**When your dreams and hopes for
yourself or your family seem
impossible....**

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God is
with you.
Keep
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**When you remember God's
blessing and kindness and
forgiveness**

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When you remember Jesus' promise to never leave you or forsake you.....

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