

Praying for Breakthrough in 2024

Daniel 10

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Sermon Sketch: Sometimes we need to be tenacious in praying through difficult life issues: often times the answer is on its way and we just need to persevere...

- 1) What was especially significant you about this year's Christmas holiday season? How did God meet you in that time?
- 2) Do you look forward to New Year's Eve and New Year's Day as a celebration or is it just another day for you?
- 3) Do you make resolutions or life plans around the New Year?
- 4) What are you looking forward to in 2024? Is there anything that you are anxious over with regard to the year ahead?
- 5) Does the insight of the "behind the scenes" realities in Daniel 10 give you pause to reflect on the spiritual realities that surround your present day to day experience of life?
- 6) How aware of the cosmic battle that rages all around us (Ephesians 6:10-18) are you on a daily basis? How does the promise of John 16:33 help you to avoid obsessing over demonic activity and the balance of being in the battle, but not consumed by fear?
- 7) How does the parable of the unjust judge motivate you to press into prayer? How is our loving Father like and unlike the judge of the parable? How does

the promise of Romans 8:32 encourage us to trust God to wonderfully answer our prayers?

- 8) How might the passage of time from God's perspective as compared to our perspective (2 Peter 3:8) impact our understanding of Jesus' words that the Father will answer us speedily (Matthew 18:8)?
- 9) Is persevering prayer optional? Ephesians 6:18, Colossians 4:2 and 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 seem pretty clear that this a necessary attitude for us to have as Jesus followers. How are you doing in that aspect of your spiritual disciplines?
- 10) How might you be more intentional in 2024 with regard to your prayer life, both individually and corporately?
- 11) How does communion empower you to seek to persevere through the trials of life?