



RIDGEVIEW CHURCH

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3. When prayer feels like labor, do you push through or drift away? Which are you doing right now?
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***1 Samuel 1:1-20...1 Kings 18:41-46***

**2. Reluctant Judge or WILLING FATHER (v. 2-6)**

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***Delay is not Denial...Silence is not Refusal***

***2 Peter 3:9...The Patience of God***

***Matthew 15:21-28...Psalm 13:1-2***

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**4. Questioning God’s Faithfulness or OUR PERSEVERANCE (v. 8)**

***Context of Luke 17:20-37***

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