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As you are persistent in prayer God is perfecting your faith along the way as He works out the details needed to answer your prayer.

Luke 18:6–8 (NLT) ⁶Then the Lord said, “Learn a lesson from this unjust judge. ⁷Even he rendered a just decision in the end. So don’t you think God will surely give justice to his chosen people who cry out to him day and night? Will he keep putting them off? ⁸I tell you, he will grant justice to them quickly! But when the Son of Man returns, how many will he find on the earth who have faith?”

Real maturity in faith recognizes God’s ways are far above our ways, and we might not always understand the why or why not.

Luke 18:8 (NLT) . . . But when the Son of Man returns, how many will he find on the earth who have faith?”

Hebrews 11:6 (NKJV) But without faith *it is* impossible to please *Him*, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and *that* He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

Hebrews 4:16 (NKJV) Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.