

When God Says No
40 Days of Prayer - Part 7
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Jeremiah 33:3 (NIV) Call to me and I will answer you...

3 Reasons God Says “No”

1. **When He has a _____.**

Hebrews 4:13 (GNT) There is nothing that can be hid from God; everything in all creation is exposed and lies open before his eyes. And it is to him that we must all give an account of ourselves.

Proverbs 2:8 (NIV) (God) guards the course of the just and protects the way of his faithful ones.

2. **When He has a _____.**

Isaiah 55:8-9 (GNT) “My thoughts,” says the Lord, “are not like yours, and my ways are different from yours. As high as the heavens are above the earth, so high are my ways and thoughts above yours.

Hebrews 11:39-40 (NIV) These were all commended for their faith, yet none of them received what had been promised, since God had planned something better for us so that only together with us would they be made perfect.

3. **When He has a _____.**

Psalms 57:2 (NLT) I cry out to God Most High, to God who will fulfill his purpose for me.

2 Corinthians 4:17-18 (NLT) For our present troubles are small and won't last very long. Yet they produce for us a glory that vastly outweighs them and will last forever! So we don't look at the troubles we can see now; rather, we fix our gaze on things that cannot be seen. For the things we see now will soon be gone, but the things we cannot see will last forever.

Ecclesiastes 11:5 (MSG) Just as you'll never understand the mystery of life forming in a pregnant woman, so you'll never understand the mystery at work in all that God does.

When God Says No I Should...

1. _____ **that God does everything in goodness and love.**

Psalms 25:10 (NIV) All the ways of the Lord are loving and faithful toward those who keep the demands of his covenant.

Romans 8:28 (GNT) We know that in all things God works for good with those who love him, those whom he has called according to his purpose.

2. **(When in pain) _____ what Jesus prayed as He faced the cross.**

Mark 14:35-36 (NIV) Going a little farther, he fell to the ground and prayed that if possible the hour might pass from him. “Abba, Father,” he said, “everything is possible for you. Take this cup from me. Yet not what I will, but what you will.”

How Jesus prayed while in pain:

- _____ **God's power**
“everything is possible for you”
- _____ **with passion**
“please take this cup”
- _____ **God's plan**
“not what I will, but what you will”

3. _____ **God to give his grace to handle his answer.**

2 Corinthians 12:8-10 (NLT) Three different times I begged the Lord to take it away. Each time he said, “My grace is all you need. My power works best in weakness.” So now I am glad to boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ can work through me...For when I am weak, then I am strong.

Psalms 9:10 (GNT) Those who know you, Lord, will trust you; you do not abandon anyone who comes to you.