



40 DAYS OF PRAYER

WHEN GOD SAYS “NO”

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Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know (Jeremiah 33:3 NIV).

THREE OF THE MANY REASONS GOD SAYS ‘NO’
God may say No” when . . .

1. HE HAS A BIGGER PERSPECTIVE

Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account (Hebrews 4:13 NIV).

2. HE HAS A BETTER PLAN

This plan of mine is not what you would work out, neither are my thoughts the same as yours! For just as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than yours, and my thoughts than yours (Isaiah 55:8 – 9 TLB).

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 (Hebrews 11:39 – 40 NIV).

3. HE HAS A GREATER PURPOSE

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

The purpose of these troubles is to test your faith as fire tests how genuine gold is. Your faith is more precious than gold, and by passing the test, it gives praise, glory, and honor to God. This will happen when Jesus Christ appears again (1 Peter 1:7 GW)

When God says “No”, . . .

- **Trust that God is GOOD and LOVING**

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good! His faithful love endures forever (Psalms 107:1 NLT).

- **When in PAIN, pray what Jesus PRAYED**

After walking a little farther away from them, Jesus fell to the ground and prayed that, if possible, he would not have this time of suffering. ³⁶ He prayed, “Abba, Father! You can do all things. Take away this cup of suffering. But do what you want, not what I want (Mark 14:35 – 36 NCV).”

- **Expect God to give his GRACE to handle his answer**

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 (2 Corinthians 12:8-10b NLT).

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