

WHEN GOD SAYS “NO”

40 Days of Prayer - The King's Chapel – October 21, 2018

“Call to Me and I will answer you...”

Jeremiah 33:3 (ESV)

3 OF THE MANY REASONS GOD SAYS ‘NO’

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1. GOD SAYS ‘NO’ WHEN HE HAS _____

“And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account.”

Hebrews 4:13 (ESV)

“(God is) Guarding the paths of justice and watching over the way of his saints.”

Proverbs 2:8 (ESV)

2. GOD SAYS ‘NO’ WHEN HE HAS _____

“For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.”

Isaiah 55:8-9 (ESV)

“And all these, though commended through their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided SOMETHING BETTER for us...”

Hebrews 11:39-40 (ESV)

God has all of eternity _____

3. GOD SAYS ‘NO’ WHEN HE HAS _____

“I cry out to God Most High, to God who fulfills his purpose for me.”

Psalms 57:2 (ESV)

“So that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ.”

1 Peter 1:7 (ESV)

“For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.”

2 Corinthians 4:17-18 (ESV)

“The secret things belong to the Lord our God, but the things that are revealed belong to us and to our children forever, that we may do all the words of this law.”

Deuteronomy 29:29 (ESV)

“As you do not know the way the spirit comes to the bones in the womb of a woman with child, so you do not know the work of God who makes everything.”

Ecclesiastes 11:5 (ESV)

WHAT SHOULD I DO WHEN GOD SAYS ‘NO’?

1. TRUST

“All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.”

Psalms 25:10 (ESV)

“And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.”

Romans 8:28 (ESV)

I don't have to _____ to know that it is motivated by love

2. WHEN IN PAIN, PRAY

“And going a little farther, he fell on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. And he said, “Abba, Father, all things are possible for you. Remove this cup from me. Yet not what I will, but what you will.”

Mark 14:35-36 (ESV)

The Right Way To Pray

- _____
“Father, I know you can do anything!”
- _____
“Father, please give me what I ask!”
- _____
“However, what I want most is your will!”

3. EXPECT

“Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me. But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.”

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The Right Way To Pray

- **Affirm God’s Power!**
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- **Ask With Passion!**
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- **Accept God’s Plan!**
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