

WHEN GOD SAYS NO

"Call to me and I will answer you..." Jeremiah 33:3 (NIV)

3 OF THE MANY REASONS GOD SAYS 'NO'

CAUTION: Use these to comfort yourself, but **NEVER** use them with someone in pain, because you don't know why God said no to them.

1. GOD SAYS 'NO' WHEN HE HAS _____

"There is nothing that can be hid from God; everything in all creation is exposed and lies open before his eyes..." Hebrews 4:13a (GNT)

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

2. GOD SAYS 'NO' WHEN HE HAS _____

God: "My thoughts are nothing like your thoughts," says the Lord. "And my ways are far beyond anything you could imagine." Isaiah 55:8-9 (NLT)

"All these people died still believing what God had promised them. They did not receive what was promised, but they saw it all from a distance and welcomed it... they were looking for a better place, a heavenly homeland. That is why God is not ashamed to be called their God, for He has prepared a city for them." Hebrews 11:13, 16 (NLT)

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." Psalm 57:2 (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 right 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." 2 Corinthians 4:17-18 (NLT)

"There are some things the Lord our God has kept secret, but there are some things he has let us know." Deuteronomy 29:29a (NCV)

WHAT SHOULD I DO WHEN GOD SAYS 'NO'?

1. TRUST _____

"All the ways of the Lord are loving..." Psalm 25:10 (NIV)

"And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, for those who are called according to his purpose." Romans 8:28 (NIV)

**I DON'T HAVE TO _____
TO KNOW THAT IT IS MOTIVATED BY LOVE.**

2. WHEN IN PAIN, PRAY _____

"[Jesus] went on a little farther and fell to the ground. He prayed that, if it were possible, the awful hour awaiting him might pass him by. 'Abba, Father,' he cried out, 'everything is possible for you. Please take this cup of suffering away from me. Yet I want your will to be done, not mine!'" Mark 14:35-36 (NLT)

THE RIGHT WAY TO PRAY

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"Father, I know you can do anything!"

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"Father, please give me what I ask!"

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"However, what I want most is your will!"

3. EXPECT _____

Paul: "Three times I prayed to the Lord about this and asked him to take it away. But his answer was: 'My grace is all you need, for my power is greatest when you are weak.' I am most happy, then, to be proud of my weaknesses, in order to feel the protection of Christ's power over me. ...For when I am weak, then I am strong!" 2 Corinthians 12:8-10 (GNT)

"Those who know you, Lord, will trust you! You do not abandon anyone who comes to you!" Psalm 9:10 (GNT)