

40 Days of Prayer

**No - Week 7**

April 22, 2018

*Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and incomprehensible things you do not know. Jeremiah 33:3*

### **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.*

#### **GOD SAYS 'NO' WHEN**

##### **1. HE HAS \_\_\_\_\_**

*No creature is hidden from him, but all things are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give an account. Hebrews 4:13*

*(God) so that he may guard the paths of justice and protect the way of his faithful followers. Proverbs. 2:8*

##### **2. HE HAS \_\_\_\_\_**

*God: "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, and your ways are not my ways." This is the LORD's declaration. "For as heaven is higher than earth, so my ways are higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts. Isaiah 55:8-9*

*All these were approved through their faith, but they did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better.... Hebrews 11:39-40*

##### **3. HE HAS \_\_\_\_\_**

*So that the proven character of your faith — more valuable than gold which, though perishable, is refined by fire — may result in praise, glory, and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. 1 Peter 1:7*

*For our momentary light affliction is producing for us an absolutely incomparable eternal weight of glory. So we do*

*not focus on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.*

2 Corinthians 4:17-18

### **WHAT SHOULD I DO WHEN GOD SAYS 'NO'?**

#### **1. \_\_\_\_\_ THAT GOD DOES EVERYTHING OUT OF HIS GOODNESS AND LOVE**

*We know that all things work together for the good of those who love God, who are called according to his purpose.*

Romans 8:28

#### **2. WHEN IN PAIN, \_\_\_\_\_ FACING THE CROSS**

*He went a little farther, fell to 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. Take this cup away from me. Nevertheless, not what I will, but what you will."*

Mark 14:35-36

#### **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!"

#### **\_\_\_\_\_ GOD TO GIVE HIS GRACE TO HANDLE HIS ANSWER**

*(Paul) Concerning this, I pleaded with the Lord three times that it would leave me. But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is perfected in weakness." Therefore, I will most gladly boast all the more about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may reside in me. So I take pleasure in weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and in difficulties, for the sake of Christ. For when I am weak, then I am strong. 2 Corinthians 12:8-10*

*Those who know your name trust in you because you have not abandoned those who seek you, LORD. Psalm 9:10*