

**Jeremiah 33:3** (NIV)

“Call to me and I will answer you.”

**WHEN GOD SAYS NO**

**LOGIC ✓ OBVIOUS REASONS**

- ☛ When two people are praying for the \_\_\_\_\_ thing...
- ☛ Prayers that would require taking away the \_\_\_\_\_ & free choice of other people
- ☛ If God answered every one of our prayers for sick people then anyone of great \_\_\_\_\_ would never die.
- ☛ When God says ‘No’, that is the greatest \_\_\_\_\_ of **FAITH** in your life.

① **A FEW POSSIBLE REASONS GOD SAYS ‘NO’**

② **WHAT TO DO WHEN GOD SAYS ‘NO’**



**DON'T TRY TO EXPLAIN THE UNEXPLAINABLE!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

**Job 42:7** (NIV)

“...the Lord... said to Eliphaz..., “I am angry with you and your two friends, because you have not spoken the truth about me...”

**POSSIBLE REASONS GOD SAYS ‘NO’**

- ① **God says ‘NO’ when He has \_\_\_\_\_**

**Hebrews 4:13** (TLB)

“He knows about everyone, everywhere. Everything about us is bare and wide open to the all-seeing eyes of our living God; nothing can be hidden from him...”

**FACT:** ☛ When I ask God for something, I can’t imagine the implications, the \_\_\_\_\_, the results.

**Proverbs 2:8** (NIV)

“for he **GUARDS** the course of the just and **PROTECTS** the way of his faithful ones.”

② **God says ‘NO’ when He has** \_\_\_\_\_

**Isaiah 55:8** (TLB)

“This plan of mine is not what you would work out, neither are my thoughts the same as yours!”

**PROBLEM:** ☛ When we pray, we don’t just tell God what we want, we tell him \_\_\_\_\_.

✓ God is more interested in your \_\_\_\_\_ than He is your comfort.

**Hebrews 11:39-40** (NIV)

“These were all commended for their faith, yet none of them received what had been promise, since God had \_\_\_\_\_.”

③ **God says ‘NO’ when He has** \_\_\_\_\_

**1 Peter 1:7** (GW)

“The purpose of these troubles is to test your faith as fire tests how genuine gold is. Your faith is more precious than gold...”

**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.”

### 3 FACTS:

- ① There are some things in life that you're just not going to understand until you get to \_\_\_\_\_
- ② There are some things that are going to happen in your life that are \_\_\_\_\_ going to change
- ③ Sometimes you are going to \_\_\_\_\_ for the benefit of other people.

### WHAT TO DO WHEN GOD SAYS 'NO'

- ① Trust that God does everything in \_\_\_\_\_.  
▪Psalm 25:10 (NIV) ▪Romans 8:28 (NIV)

### TIP OF THE DAY: \_\_\_\_\_

- ② When in pain, \_\_\_\_\_ facing the cross

### Mark 14:36 (NCV)

"He prayed, 'Abba, Father! You can do all things. Take away this cup of suffering. But do what you want, not what I want.'"

### HOW TO PRAY LIKE JESUS

- ① \_\_\_\_\_!
- ② \_\_\_\_\_!
- ③ \_\_\_\_\_!

- ③ Expect God to \_\_\_\_\_ to handle His answer  
▪2 Corinthians 12:8-10 (ISV) ▪Psalm 9:10 (TEV)

# NO!

#### POSSIBLE REASONS GOD SAYS 'NO'

- ① God says 'No' when He has **a bigger perspective**
- ② God says 'No' when He has **a better plan**
- ③ God says 'No' when He has **a greater purpose**

# NO!

#### WHAT TO DO WHEN GOD SAYS 'NO'

- ① Trust that God does everything in goodness and love.
- ② When in pain, pray what Jesus prayed facing the cross
- ③ Expect God to give His grace to handle His answer