

## WHAT TO DO WHEN

### God Says "NO"

Acts 16:6 Next Paul and Silas traveled through the area of Phrygia and Galatia, because the Holy Spirit had prevented them from preaching the word in the province of Asia at that time.

7 Then coming to the borders of Mysia, they headed north for the province of Bithynia, but again the Spirit of Jesus did not allow them to go there.

8 So instead, they went on through Mysia to the seaport of Troas.

9 That night Paul had a vision: A man from Macedonia in northern Greece was standing there, pleading with him, "Come over to Macedonia and help us!"

10 So we decided to leave for Macedonia at once, having concluded that God was calling us to preach the Good News there.

### There Are Three Ways That God Answers Prayer

Verse 6 - Sometimes God Says Not Yet

Verse 7 - Sometimes God Says No

Verse 8-10 - Sometimes God Says Yes

### Why Does God Sometimes Say No

Because He Has A Bigger \_\_\_\_\_

Hebrews 4:13 Nothing in all creation is hidden from God. Everything is naked and exposed before his eyes, and he is the one to whom we are accountable.

Proverbs 2:8 He guards the paths of the just and protects those who are faithful to him.

Because He Has A Better \_\_\_\_\_

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

9 For just as the heavens are higher than the earth, so my ways are higher than your ways and my thoughts higher than your thoughts.

Hebrews 11:39 All these people earned a good reputation because of their faith, yet none of them received all that God had promised.  
40 For God had something better in mind for us, so that they would not reach perfection without us.

Because He Has A Brilliant \_\_\_\_\_

Proverbs 16:4 The Lord has made everything for his own purposes, even the wicked for a day of disaster. 1

Peter 1:7 These trials will show that your faith is genuine. It is being tested as fire tests and purifies gold—though your faith is far more precious than mere gold. So when your faith remains strong through many trials, it will bring you much praise and glory and honor on the day when Jesus Christ is revealed to the whole world.

2 Corinthians 4:16 That is why we never give up. Though our bodies are dying, our spirits are being renewed every day.

17 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!

18 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.

Two Truths

Some Things I Will Never \_\_\_\_\_

Some Things Will Never \_\_\_\_\_ No Matter How Much I Pray

Deuteronomy 29:29 "The Lord our God has secrets known to no one. We are not accountable for them, but we and our children are accountable forever for all that he has revealed to us, so that we may obey all the terms of these instructions.

What To Do When God Says No

2 Corinthians 12:6-10

Trust That Everything God Does Is Motivated By \_\_\_\_\_

2 Corinthians 12:6 If I wanted to boast, I would be no fool in doing so, because I would be telling the truth. But I won't do it, because I don't want anyone to give me credit beyond what they can see in my life or hear in my message,

7 even though I have received such wonderful revelations from God. So to keep me from becoming proud, I was given a thorn in my flesh, a messenger from Satan to torment me and keep me from becoming proud.

Psalm 25:10 The Lord leads with unfailing love and faithfulness all who keep his covenant and obey his demands.

Romans 8:28 And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them.

Expect God to Give You The \_\_\_\_\_ To Handle The Answer No

2 Corinthians 12:8 Three different times I begged the Lord to take it away. 9 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.

Philippians 2:13 For God is working in you, giving you the desire and the power to do what pleases him.

Be \_\_\_\_\_ In God's Strength

2 Corinthians 12:9 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.

10 That's why I take pleasure in my weaknesses, and in the insults, hardships, persecutions, and troubles that I suffer for Christ. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

Romans 12:12 Rejoice in our confident hope. Be patient in trouble, and keep on praying.

1 Peter 4:12 Dear friends, don't be surprised at the fiery trials you are going through, as if something strange were happening to you.

13 Instead, be very glad—for these trials make you partners with Christ in his suffering, so that you will have the wonderful joy of seeing his glory when it is revealed to all the world.