

"Call to Me and I will answer you..."

Jeremiah 33:3

New International Version

How God answers prayer

If the request is wrong: No!

If the heart is wrong: Grow!

If the time is wrong: Slow!

If the request is right, you are right and the time is right: Go!



"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."



1. GOD SAYS 'NO' WHEN HE HAS A BIGGER PERSPECTIVE



"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..."



Hebrews 4:13

Living Bible

"(God) guards the course of the just and protects the way of His faithful ones."



Proverbs 2:8

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- 1. GOD SAYS 'NO' WHEN HE HAS A BIGGER PERSPECTIVE
- 2. GOD SAYS 'NO' WHEN HE HAS A BETTER PLAN



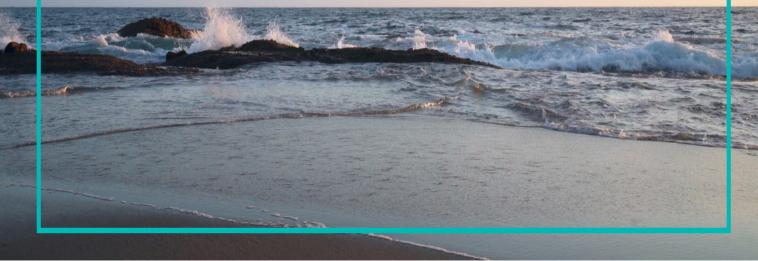
"This plan of mine is not what you would work out, neither are My thoughts the same as yours! For My ways are higher than yours."



Isaiah 55:8-9

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- 2. GOD SAYS 'NO' WHEN HE HAS A BETTER PLAN
- 3. GOD SAYS 'NO' WHEN HE HAS A GREATER PURPOSE



- There are some things we won't understand until we are in heaven
- There are some things that will never change until we are in heaven
- Sometimes your suffering is for the benefit of others



1. TRUST THAT GOD DOES EVERYTHING IN GOODNESS AND LOVE



Trust in the Lord with <u>all</u> your heart and <u>lean</u> not on your own understanding



Proverbs 3:5

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All the ways of the Lord are loving



Psalm 25:10a

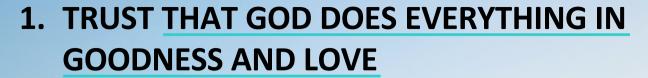
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We know that in everything God works for the good of those who love Him.



Romans 8:28

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2. FOLLOW CHRIST'S EXAMPLE



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- > ACCEPT GOD'S PLAN



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"Father, please give me what I ask!"



- 1. TRUST THAT GOD DOES EVERYTHING IN GOODNESS AND LOVE
- 2. FOLLOW CHRIST'S EXAMPLE
- 3. EXPECT GOD TO GIVE HIS GRACE TO HANDLE HIS ANSWER



"Those who know You, Lord, will trust You! You do not abandon anyone who comes to You!"



Psalm 9:10

Today's English Version

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."



2 Corinthians 12:8-10

New Living Translation

So now I am glad to boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ can work through me. ¹⁰ ... For when I am weak, then I am strong.



2 Corinthians 12:8-10

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- > RESENT IT
- > RECYCLE IT



All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is our merciful Father and the source of all comfort. ⁴ He comforts us in all our troubles so that we can comfort others. When they are troubled, we will be able to give them the same comfort God has given us.



2 Corinthians 1:3-4

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