

# WHEN GOD SAYS NO

What To Do When...

Part 4

*"Call to Me and I will answer you..." Jeremiah 33:3*

## 3 Ways God Answers Prayer

Sometimes God says *yes!*

Sometimes God says *not yet!*

Sometimes God says *no!*

## WHY DOES GOD SOMETIMES SAY "NO"?

### 1. Because He has \_\_\_\_\_

*"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

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

### 2. Because He has \_\_\_\_\_

*"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*

*"These were commended for their faith, yet none of them received what had been promised. God had planned something better..." Hebrews 11:39-40*

### 3. Because He has \_\_\_\_\_

*"The Lord has made everything for His own purpose..."*

Proverbs 16:4

*"The purpose of these troubles is to test your faith as fire tests how genuine gold is. Your faith is more precious than gold..." 1 Peter 1:7*

*"Therefore we do not lose heart... for our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal!"*

2 Corinthians 4:16-17

## Two Fundamental Truths:

1. Some things \_\_\_\_\_

2. Some things \_\_\_\_\_

## What To Do When God Says "No"

1. Trust that everything God does is

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*"All the ways of the Lord are loving..." Psalms 25:10*

*"In everything God works for the good of those who love Him." Romans 8:28*

2. Expect God to give me the

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*"Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. But He said, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is made perfect in weakness.'" 2 Corinthians 12:7-9*

*"For it is God who works in you to will and to act according to His good purpose." Philippians 2:13*