

# DOORS

## When God Says No

### God Answers Prayers 3 Ways:

- **YES!**
- **Not Yet** - Wants you to wait.
- **NO!** - Most difficult to handle.

### 3 Reasons Why God Sometimes Says “No”

#### 1. Because He Has a Bigger Perspective.

*Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account. **Hebrews 4:13 (NIV)***

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

#### 2. Because He Has a Better Plan.

*“My thoughts are nothing like your thoughts,” says the Lord. “And my ways are far beyond anything you could imagine. 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.” **Isaiah 55:8-9 (NLT)***

#### 3. Because He Has a Greater Purpose.

*“I make known the end from the beginning, from ancient times, what is still to come. I say, ‘My purpose will stand, and I will do all that I please.’” **Isaiah 46:10 (NIV)***

*That is why we never give up. Though our bodies are dying, our spirits are being renewed every day. 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. **2 Corinthians 4:16-18 (NLT)***

*“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.”*

**Deuteronomy 29:29 (NLT)**

*Because of the extravagance of those revelations, and so I wouldn't get a big head, I was given the gift of a handicap to keep me in constant touch with my limitations. Satan's angel did his best to get me down; what he in fact did was push me to my knees. No danger then of walking around high and mighty! At first I didn't think of it as a gift, and begged God to remove it. Three times I did that, and then he told me, My grace is enough; it's all you need. My strength comes into its own in your weakness. Once I heard that, I was glad to let it happen. I quit focusing on the handicap and began appreciating the gift. It was a case of Christ's strength moving in on my weakness. Now I take limitations in stride, and with good cheer, these limitations that cut me down to size—abuse, accidents, opposition, bad breaks. I just let Christ take over! And so the weaker I get, the stronger I become. **2 Corinthians 12:7-10 (MSG)***

**When God Says No, You Need to Remember 2 Truths:**

**1. EVERYTHING God does is motivated by love.**

*The Lord leads with unfailing love and faithfulness all who keep his covenant and obey his demands.*

**Psalms 25:10 (NLT)**

**2. God always GIVES US GRACE when He says no.**

*Three different times I begged the Lord to take it away. 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. **2 Corinthians 12:8-9 (NLT)***

- **You can Resist it** - Fight God! Get mad. Turn your back on Him.
- **You can Resent it** - Become bitter and miserable. Doubt God's love.
- **You can Relax and Rejoice** - Knowing God has your best interests in mind.

*Those who know your name trust in you, for you, Lord, have never forsaken those who seek you. **Psalms 9:10 (NIV)***