

WHERE IS GOD WHEN... “He is Silent?”

CHECK your motive.

³ *You ask and do not receive, **because you ask with wrong motives**, so that you may spend it on your pleasures.*
James 4:3 (NASB)

SURRENDER your timing.

¹⁴ *“**Wait for the LORD**; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the LORD.”* **Psalm 27:14**

⁷ *But He said to them, “**It is not for you to know** periods of time or appointed times which the Father has set by His own authority;”* **Acts 1:7 (NASB)**

TRUST the “No.”

⁷ *...I was given a **thorn in my flesh**, a messenger from Satan to torment me and keep me from becoming proud. 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 12:7b-9 (NLT)**

⁹ *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.*
2 Corinthians 12:9-10 (NLT)

³⁹ *Going a little farther, he fell with his face to the ground and prayed, “My Father, **if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will.**”*
Matthew 26:39 (NIV)

KEEP ASKING persistently.

⁵ Then Jesus said to them, "Suppose you have a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; ⁶ a friend of mine on a journey has come to me, and I have no food to offer him.'⁷ And suppose the one inside answers, 'Don't bother me. The door is already locked, and my children and I are in bed. I can't get up and give you anything.'⁸ I tell you, even though he will not get up and give you the bread because of friendship, **yet because of your shameless audacity** he will surely get up and give you as much as you need. **Luke 11:5-8 (NIV)**