



# 40 *days of* Prayer

**What To Do When God Says No**

# Understand God Always Has A Reason For Saying No

- 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.”* Heb 4:13

*“He guards the course of the just and protects the way of his faithful ones.”*

Prov 2:8

- He has a better plan

*“For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways,” declares the LORD. “As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.”* Is 55:8-9

- He has a different purpose

*“I cry out to God Most High, to God, who fulfills his purpose for me.”* Psm 57:2

*“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.”* 2Cor 4:17-18

# Believe That God Does Everything In Goodness And Love

- I don't have to understand God's answer to know that it is motivated by love. Rick Warren

*“All the ways of the LORD are loving and faithful for those who keep the demands of his covenant.” Psm 25:10*

*“And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him...” Rom 8:28*

“God is too good to be unkind and too wise to be mistaken. And when we cannot trace His hand we must trust His heart!” C. H. Spurgeon

## Pray In Faith Even When You Don't "Feel It"

*"Going a little farther, he fell to the ground and prayed that if possible the hour might pass from him. Father, he said, everything is possible for you. Take this cup from me. Yet not what I will, but what you will." Mk 14:35-36*

- Affirmed God's Power:
- Asked with Passion:
- Accepted God's Plan

## Trust God To Give You Grace To Handle His Answer

*“there was given me a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me. Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” 2Cor 12:7-9*

- His grace is enough
- He is strong in our weakness

## Challenge For This Week

- *Come pray for grace for your “no”*
- *Come pray submit to His will...even when its not yours*
- *Come pray to see beyond your purpose to His*
- *Come pray and surrender your plan for His*