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## WHAT ARE WE TO DO WHEN GOD SAYS, “NO”? Jeremiah 33:3

### God saying, “No”.

- Biblical **characters** that God said no to. 1 Kin. 19:1-4; Num. 13-14; 1 Chr. 17:4; 2 Sam. 7:1-29; 1 Chr. 22:7-8; Matt. 26:36-46; 2 Cor. 12:1-10
- When God says no to you it may not be for the **same** reason He says no to others. Job 2:11-13; 16:2; 42:7-9; 4-25

### Several reasons God says, “No”.

- God will say no because he has a much **bigger** perspective. Heb. 4:13; 2 Chr. 16:9; Ps. 33:13-15; Job 26:6; Prov. 2:8; Dan. 3, 6
- God will say no when He has a **better** plan. Is. 55:8-9; Heb. 11:38-39; 1 Kin. 19:1-4; Is. 46:10; Eccl. 8:7; 10:14; Acts 8:25-40; 16:6
- God will say no because He has a **greater** purpose. Ps. 57:2; 2 Cor. 4:17-18; 1 Pet. 1:7
  - There are some things that we will not **understand** until we get to heaven. Eccl. 11:5; Deut. 29:29; 1 Cor. 2:7; Col. 2:2-3; Eph. 1:9; 3:4-5
  - Some things will happen in our lives which **never** change until we get to heaven. 2 Cor. 12:1-10; 1 Pet. 5:6-8; Jer. 29:11; Is. 55:8-9; 2 Cor. 1:3-8
  - Sometimes we will suffer for the **benefit** of other people. 2 Cor. 1:3-8; 12:1-10; Matt. 6:47; 27:58

### What are we to do when God says, “No”?

- Realize that everything God does is in His goodness and **love**—trust Him. John 3:16; Ps. 25:10; Rom. 8:28; Ps. 136:26; 107:1; 31:19; Rom. 5:2-5, 8
- When we are in pain, pray like Jesus prayed facing the **cross**. Matt. 26:36, 42
  - Pray in pain affirming **God's** power. Matt. 26:36,42; 19:23-26; Luke 1:37; Rom. 8:31
  - Pray in pain—we **ask** with passion. Matt. 26:37-39; Luke 22:44; 2 Cor. 12:1-10; John 11:33
  - Pray in pain—we **accept** God's plan. Matt. 26:39, 42; Is. 55:8-9; James 1:5
  - Pray expecting God to give His grace to **handle** His answer. 2 Cor. 12:8-10; James 1:2; 1 Pet. 1:6; 4:12-16; Is. 41:10; Phil. 4:19; Ps. 147:3; 2 Cor. 1:3-8