Let us Pray

When God Says No – Part I

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"Call to me and I will answer you"

Jeremiah 33:3 NIV

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PLEASE DON'T USE THESE REASONS TO TRY TO COMFORT SOMEONE IN PAIN. WE USUALLY DON'T KNOW THE REASONS WHY GOD MAY HAVE SAID NO TO THEM. USE THESE FOR YOURSELF ONLY.

"Then they sat on the ground with him for seven days and nights. No one said a word to Job, for they saw that his suffering was too great for words." Job 2:13 NLT

"After the LORD had finished speaking to Job, he said to Eliphaz: "I am angry with you and your two friends, for you have not spoken accurately about me, as my servant Job has." Job 42:7 NLT

Three of the *many* reasons God might say "No".

1. God says "no" when He has a _____.

   Hebrews 4:13 TLB – *"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."*

   Proverbs 2:7-8 TLB – *"He grants good sense to the godly—his saints. He is their shield, protecting them and guarding their pathway."*

2. God says "no" when He has a _____.

   Isaiah 55:8-9 TLB – *"This plan of mine is not what you would work out, neither are my thoughts the same as yours! For just as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than yours, and my thoughts than yours."*

   Hebrews 11:39-40 CEV – *"All of them pleased God because of their faith! But still they died without being given what had been promised. This was because God had something better in store for us."*

   God has all of eternity to _____.

3. God says "no" when He has a _____.

   Psalm 57:2 NLT – *"I cry out to God Most High, to God who will fulfill his purpose for me."*

   1 Peter 1:6-7 CEV – *"Even if you have to go through many hard trials for a while. Your faith will be like gold that has been tested in a fire. And these trials will prove that your faith is worth much more than gold that can be destroyed."*

   2 Corinthians 4:17-18 CEV – *"These little troubles are getting us ready for an eternal glory that will make all our troubles seem like nothing. Things that are seen don't last forever, but things that are not seen are eternal. That's why we keep our minds on the things that cannot be seen."*

Three Basic Truths

1. Some things you aren't _____.

   Deuteronomy 29:29 TLB – "There are secrets the Lord your God has not revealed to us, but these words that he has revealed are for us and our children to obey forever."

2. Some things are never _____.

   2 Corinthians 12:9 NLT – "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."

3. Sometimes your _____.

   Romans 8:17 NLT – "Together with Christ we are heirs of God's glory. But if we are to share his glory, we must also share his suffering."

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