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Stuck

ANSWERED PRAYERS – HELP US GET UNSTUCK

I. When our prayers aren't answered or aren't answered to our satisfaction, we can become frustrated with God and STUCK spiritually.

1. Common Answers –“Yes,” “No,” “Wait,” Scripture, or Silence
2. Sometimes we misunderstand God's promises and how He tends to speak to people.
 - **Logos** – **general** message to everyone (Bible, sermons, songs, etc.)
 - **Rhema** – **personal** message to you (God takes a verse, sermon, or song and “whispers it” personally to you)

Example:

Logos – “*I love you guys!*”

(to everyone here)

Rhema – “*I love you.*”

(whispered to wife)

II. How Can I Pray and Get Answers?

1. Confess any SIN in my life.

“If I had not confessed the sin in my heart, the Lord would not have listened.” Psalm 66:18 (NLT)

“But if we confess our sins to Him, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness.” 1 John 1:9 (NLT)

2. Decide, ahead of time, that I will do WHATEVER GOD SAYS.

Bible Case Study: Jeremiah 42-43

People: “Please pray to the Lord for us...” (Jeremiah 42:2)

Jeremiah: “All right, I will...” (Jeremiah 42:4)

People: “...whether we like it or not, we will obey the Lord our God...” (Jeremiah 42:6)

*“Ten days later the Lord gave His reply to Jeremiah.”
Jeremiah 42:7 (NLT)*

Jeremiah: “This is what the Lord says... ‘Stay here...don’t go to Egypt’...” (Jeremiah 42:10-13)

People: “You lie! The Lord hasn’t forbidden us to go to Egypt! And all the people refused to obey the Lord’s command to stay in Judah.” (Jeremiah 43:2,4)

3. Ask God to show me HIS WILL.

“Don’t copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God’s will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.”

Romans 12:2 (NLT)

“If you need wisdom, ask our generous God, and He will give it to you. He will not rebuke you for asking.”

James 1:5 (NLT)

4. Fill up on God's LOGOS (word) and ask for God's RHEMA (personal msg).

“Your word is a lamp to guide my feet and a light for my path.” Psalm 11:105 (NLT)

“Study this Book of Instruction continually. Meditate on it day and night so you will be sure to obey everything written in it. Only then will you prosper and succeed in all you do.” Joshua 1:8 (NLT)

❖ How do we do this?

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