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“Hey God I’ve Got A Question”

God, Do You Hear Me?

*I call to you, O God, but You never answer;
And when I pray, You pay no attention.”
Job 30:20 (GN)*

I. Three Ways God Answers Prayer

“Call to Me and I will answer you...” Jeremiah 33:3 (ESV)

- Sometimes God says **YES**.
- Sometimes God says **NO**.
- Sometimes God says **WAIT**.

II. When God Says No, Remember:

1. God has a **BIGGER PERSPECTIVE**.

“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...” Hebrews 4:13 (LB)

“For He guards the course of the just and protects the way of His faithful ones.” Proverbs 2:8 (NIV)

2. God has a **BETTER PLAN**.

“For My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways, My ways,’ declares the Lord... ‘My ways are higher than your ways...” Isaiah 55:8-9 (NIV)

“These were all commended for their faith, yet none of them received what had been promised, since God had planned something better...” Hebrews 11:39-40 (NIV)

3. God has a **GREATER PURPOSE**.

“[God] ‘My purpose will stand and I will do all that I please.” Isaiah 46:10b (NIV)

“Therefore we do not lose heart...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, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal!” 2 Corinthians 4:16-18 (NIV)

III. In the Waiting, Remember:

- **EVERYTHING** God does is out of love.

*“And we know that in all things God **works for the good** of those who love Him...” Romans 8:28 (NIV)*

- God **ALWAYS** gives us grace when He says “no.”

[Paul] “Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. But He said ‘My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is made perfect in weakness.’” 2 Corinthians 12:8-9 (NIV)

When God says “No,” Do You:

RESIST, RESENT, or RELAX

Keep the conversation going...

1. Describe a time in your life when God answered an important prayer.
2. How do you react when God’s answer to your prayer isn’t what you wanted?
3. How can you turn your focus to what God’s will is for your life when His answer to your prayers is not what you hoped for? (Consider Matthew 6:25-34.)