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### 2 Corinthians 1:20 NIV

For no matter how many promises God has made, they are "Yes" in Christ. And so through him the "Amen" is spoken by us to the glory of God.

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### I Want Answers Now

1. Yes But Not Now
2. Yes, But God Requires Obedience
3. Yes, But I have a Better Option
4. No

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## Why Aren't You Two Ponies?



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## Dream Slogans

Dream until your dreams come true  
Dream, Believe, Do, Repeat  
Dreams are whispers from your soul  
Don't follow your dreams, chase them  
Let your dreams take you away  
A dream is a wish your heart makes

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## Bucket List

1. Eat croissants in Paris
2. Learn to cook Greek food
3. See the Northern Lights
4. Ride a mechanical bull
5. Bungee jump

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### Dream Slogans

Follow your dream and die

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### Proverbs 20:5

The purpose in a man's heart is like deep water, but a man of understanding will draw it out.

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### Hebrews 5:7

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to him who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence

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## I Want Answers Now

God answers “No” when we should seek His favor in another area

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## 2 Samuel 7

1 Now when the king lived in his house and the Lord had given him rest from all his surrounding enemies, 2 the king said to Nathan the prophet, “See now, I dwell in a house of cedar, but the ark of God dwells in a tent.” 3 And Nathan said to the king, “Go, do all that is in your heart, for the Lord is with you.”

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## 2 Samuel 7

4 But that same night the word of the Lord came to Nathan, 5 “Go and tell my servant David, ‘Thus says the Lord: Would you build me a house to dwell in? 6 I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent for my dwelling.

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## 2 Samuel 7

7 In all places where I have moved with all the people of Israel, did I speak a word with any of the judges of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, "Why have you not built me a house of cedar?"

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## 2 Samuel 7

8 Now, therefore, thus you shall say to my servant David, 'Thus says the Lord of hosts, I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, that you should be prince over my people Israel. 9 And I have been with you wherever you went and have cut off all your enemies from before you. And I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth.

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## 2 Samuel 7

12 When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. 13 He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. 14 I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son. When he commits iniquity, I will discipline him with the rod of men, with the stripes of the sons of men,

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## Power of the Prophetic

David correctly sensed the divine plan for a permanent gathering place for God's people without any historical declaration from the Lord. David loved God so much that he immediately desired to work and pay for that dwelling. David correctly sensed the plan but not the timing or the person.

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## I Want Answers Now

Learn to Discern Our Hearts Desire

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## "No" Saves From the Sin of Presumption

God saved David (and Nathan) from falling into the sin of presumption by saying "No".

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## Sin of Presumption

1. Willingness to do something without the right or permission to do it
2. a belief that something is true even though it has not been proven

## Winnowing

1. to remove (as chaff) by a current of air; to free from waste in this manner
2. to remove, separate, or select as if by winnowing



## Purify your Dream By Winnowing

Area	Key Questions
Wealth	Does it make me comfortable, safer, richer?
Honor	Does it make me powerful or prestigious?
Retaliation	Does it cause my detractors to be harmed?
Long Life	Does it try to super-size my life on earth?

## I Want Answers Now

God answers "No" when we should seek His favor in another area

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## I Want Answers Now

Discern Our Hearts Desire  
God's kindness and consolation  
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## She Hath Caused Me To Rend



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## I Want Answers Now

Revised Dreams - Zechariah/Elizabeth  
Redirected Dreams - David  
Removed Dream - Abraham with Ishmael  
Rebuilt Dreams - Moses

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## Our Response to No

"He promises to be near to us (Psalm 34:18). He promises to be faithful (Deuteronomy 31:6). He promises that this hurt will end (Revelation 21:4). He promises that when we seek him, he will transform our hearts to desire more of him (Psalm 37:4). He will not leave us in the misery of our disappointment, because he has not finished the work he started in us (Philippians 1:6). He will assure us of his love as we invite him into the struggle we feel."

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## Our Response to No

28 And now, O Lord God, you are God, and your words are true, and you have promised this good thing to your servant. 29 Now therefore may it please you to bless the house of your servant, so that it may continue forever before you. For you, O Lord God, have spoken, and with your blessing shall the house of your servant be blessed forever.”

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