

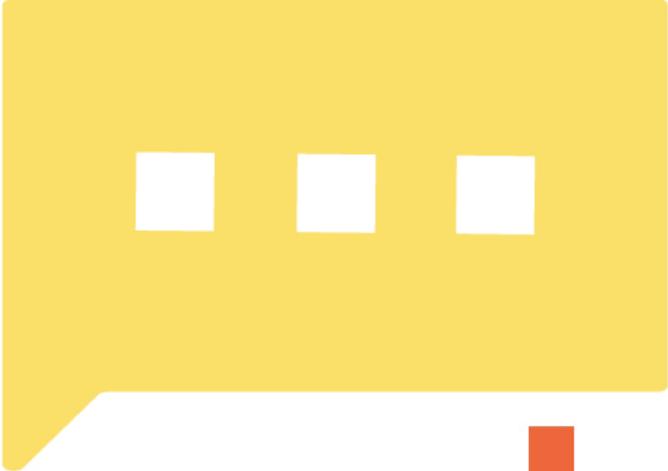
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“This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us.”

1 JOHN 5:14

When God Says No



**God's purpose is
bigger and better
than mine**



“How long, LORD? Will you forget me forever? How long will you hide your face from me?” **Psalm 13:1**

“Answer me when I call to you, O my righteous God, Give me relief from my distress.” **Psalm 4:1**



“Perhaps he means to strengthen us in patience, good humor, compassion, humility or meekness . . . Perhaps he has new lessons in self-denial and self-distrust to teach us. Perhaps he wishes to break us of complacency or undetected forms of pride and conceit. Perhaps His purpose is simply to draw us closer to himself . . . Or perhaps God is preparing us for forms of service of which at present we have no inkling.”

J.I. Packer



Short list of people God said no to in the Bible . . .

Abraham, Moses, Daniel, Job,
Jonah, David, Hannah, Elijah,
Peter, Paul, and Jesus.



The Apostle Paul...

ROMANS 1:8-10

“First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you, because your faith is being reported all over the world. God, whom I serve in my spirit in preaching the gospel of his Son, is my witness how constantly I remember you in my prayers at all times; and I pray that now at last by God’s will the way may be opened for me to come to you.”

Romans 1:8-10

The Apostle Paul...

ROMANS 1:8-10

“My brothers, although I have done nothing against our people or against the customs of our ancestors, I was arrested in Jerusalem and handed over to the Romans.”

Acts 28:17



“(Paul) welcomed all who came to see him. He proclaimed the kingdom of God and taught about the Lord Jesus Christ— with all boldness and without hindrance!”

Acts 28:30-31

Sometimes God says
no because his plans
are BIGGER than ours.





King David...

1 CHRONICLES 17

**“Go and tell my servant David,
‘This is what the Lord says: You
are not the one to build me a
house to dwell in. I have not
dwelt in a house from the day I
brought Israel up out of Egypt
to this day...**

1 Chronicles 17:4-6

...I have moved from one tent site to another, from one dwelling place to another. Wherever I have moved with all the Israelites, did I ever say to any of their leaders whom I commanded to shepherd my people, "Why have you not built me a house of cedar?"

1 Chronicles 17:4-6

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“He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over Jacob’s descendants forever; his kingdom will never end.”

Luke 1:32-33



“Then King David went in and sat before the Lord, and he said: “Who am I, Lord God, and what is my family, that you have brought me this far? And as if this were not enough in your sight, my God, you have spoken about the future of the house of your servant. You, Lord God, have looked on me as though I were the most exalted of men...”

1 Chronicles 17:16-19



What more can David say to you for honoring your servant? For you know your servant, Lord. For the sake of your servant and according to your will, you have done this great thing and made known all these great promises.”

1 Chronicles 17:16-19



“All the ways of the Lord are loving and faithful toward those who keep the demands of his covenant.”

Psalm 25:10



Jesus . . .

MATTHEW 26



“My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will.”

Matthew 26:39

Sometimes God says
no because He has a
different PURPOSE
than ours



"Now my soul has become troubled and what shall I say, father save me from this hour? But for this purpose I came to this hour."

John 12:27



“During the days of Jesus’ life on earth, he offered up prayers and petitions with fervent cries and tears to the one who could save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission.”

Hebrews 5:7



“He (Jesus) committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.”
When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly...

1 Peter 2:22-23



“He himself bore our sins” in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; “by his wounds you have been healed.”

1 Peter 2:22-23



“In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God’s grace.”

Ephesians 1:7



**“Those who know your name trust
in you, for you, Lord, have never
forsaken those who seek you.”**

Psalm 9:10



“After the Lord had said these things to Job, he said to Eliphaz the Temanite, “I am angry with you and your two friends, because you have not spoken the truth about me.”

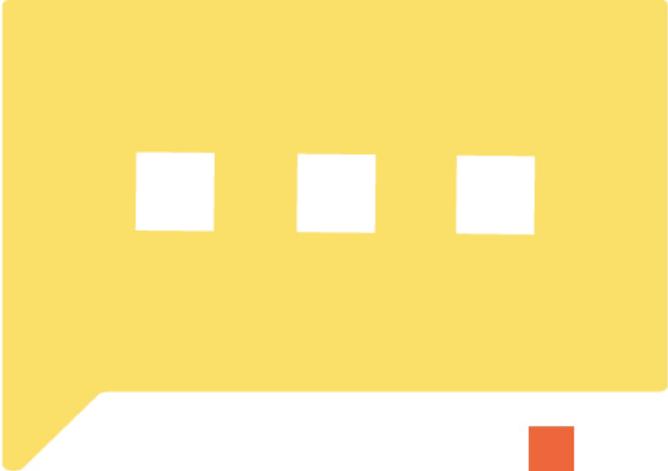
Job 42:7



**“Though he slay me,
yet will I hope in him;”**

Job 13:15





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