

WHEN GOD SAYS NO

Transformed by the Truth

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION AND DISCUSSION

1. How does Christ's promise in Matthew 7:7-8 impact you emotionally? Why? What past or present circumstances in your life affect your feelings about this promise?
2. Re-read the Psalms listed on your outline. Do you tend to pray as passionately as the writers of these psalms? Why or why not?
3. Read 1 John 5:14-15. Do you believe it is possible to know whether or not your prayers are in God's will? If so, how?
4. Of the different manifestations of an unclean heart listed in the box on your note sheet, which one are you most vulnerable to? What passage of Scripture speaks to that particular sin?
5. What is the longest you have waited before receiving an answer to prayer? What did you ask God for? How did your prayers evolve over time?

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Psalm 6:1-3, 6-7 and 9-10
Psalm 10:1, 12 and 14
Psalm 13:1-5 and 5-6

■ _____
Matthew 26:36-46; John 18:4-6

Why God sometimes says "No":

- ✓ We're asking for _____
1 John 5:14-15
- ✓ We're asking with _____
James 4:3
- ✓ We're asking with _____
Isaiah 59:1-2
 - Unwillingness to repent (*Psalm 66:18*)
 - Marital problems (*1 Peter 3:7*)
 - Bitterness (*Mark 11:25*)
 - Lack of compassion (*Proverbs 21:13*)
- ✓ It's not _____
2 Peter 3:8-9

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Luke 18:1-8