



Message Outline

4 Answers: When God Says, "No"

Luke 22:39-46

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Further Discussion & Study



MY LATEST "NO"

HOW DO WE RESPOND?

Getting a "no" from God
can be really hard to handle.

CLARIFICATION QUICKIES

- #1: NOs are part of our discipleship.
- #2: NOs do not mean we are unloved.
- #3: NOs do not mean we're being punished.
- #4: Not all NOs are for the same reason.

SUPPLICATION SANDWICHES

{ Luke 22:42 } "if you're willing"
 + < request >
 + "your will, not mine"

"God's no to our prayers is always a yes to his providential purposes." -Melissa Kruger

NO. NO. NO.

{Luke 22:39-46}

This seems to be a rapid-fire, circling prayer.

Jesus, the Perfect One, asked
and got a solid NO.

AT THE END—TRUST

(Psalm 22:1-2, 25-26 via Matthew 27:46)

Even when we feel the answer is a firm, "NO,"
we trust that Father knows best. (Isaiah 55:8)

AT THE EDGE OF OUR EMOTIONS

As upset as Jesus was, he was strengthened.

Even with a NO, we receive strength & peace
beyond our own.

MORE QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

- ✦ What is the biggest request you've prayed for which the answer seemed to be "NO?" How did you handle the "NO" that time?
- ✦ What's the most recent "NO" you've experienced as an answer to prayer? How well would say you handled the "NO" answer?
- ✦ Recall a time when God's "NO" turned out better than if He would've obliged the request. What happened?
- ✦ For each of the below statements, is it true for you NEVER, OCCASIONALLY, FREQUENTLY, OR ALL THE TIME? When God answers me with a "NO"...
 - ...I wonder if He really still loves me.
 - ...I feel like I might be getting punished.
 - ...I expect that my faith will soon be increased.
 - ...I get clarity about what it is that I really want.
 - ...I believe that I'll be given peace & strength.
- ✦ What does it do for your faith to think about how Jesus, God's one & only, perfect Son, got a definite "NO" to His request in the garden (Luke 22:39-46)?

7 MORE VERSES FOR MEDITATION

Psalm 3:4 ☞ I'm confident that whenever I ask GOD for help, He'll come through somehow.

Isaiah 55:8 ☞ GOD's ways of thinking & doing is beyond our ways of thinking & doing.

James 5:10-11 ☞ Suffering doesn't automatically mean we're sitting outside of GOD's will.

Psalm 8:4 ☞ Though we are His special creation, GOD is above us, and His understanding of what is best is better than ours.

Proverbs 10:17 ☞ Accepting correction is like driving farther on down the road to life.

Hebrews 12:5-12 ☞ Continuing hardships should be understood as discipline, which OUR HEAVENLY FATHER does with those He loves.

Psalm 22:1-2 ☞ Even when I'm not getting the answers I want, I still praise & trust GOD.