

An aerial photograph of a beach with vibrant turquoise water and white foam from waves crashing onto the sand. The text '40 days of Prayer' is overlaid in a white serif font.

40 *days of* Prayer

WHEN GOD SAYS “NO”

“Call to Me and I will answer you . . .”

Jeremiah 33:3 (NIV)

THREE OF THE MANY REASONS GOD SAYS “NO”

1. God says 'no' when He 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 (TLB)

***"(God) guards the course of
the just and protects the way
of his faithful ones."***

Proverbs 2:8

***God Has a Bigger Story
Planned for Your Life!***

2. God says 'no' when He has a better plan.

God says,

"This plan of mine is not what you would work out, neither are My thoughts the same as yours! . . . For My ways are higher than your ways."

Isaiah 55:8-9

In order to grow, God delays the
answer to your prayers.

He says, "We're going to go slow
until you grow, and then I'll give you
the answer."

**6 As you therefore have received Christ
Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him,
7 rooted and built up in Him and
established in the faith, as you have been
taught, abounding in it with thanksgiving.**

Colossians 2:6-7 (NKJV)

3. God says 'no' when He has a greater purpose.

***"I cry out to God Most High, who
fulfills His purpose for me."***

Psalm 57:2

**The purpose of these troubles is
to test your faith as fire tests
how genuine gold is.**

**Your faith is more precious
than gold, and by passing the
test, it gives praise, glory, and
honor to God.**

1 Peter 1:7 (GWT)