

# **“When God Says No”**

Lesson Text: **John 14:12-14.**

- Not a “*blank check*” to receive any and all requests.
- It Must be qualified to God’s Will.

## **I. The Will of God in Two Senses:**

- (1) God’s Will For Us In Scripture- **John 7:17; Matthew 7:21; 1 John 2:17.**
- (2) God’s Providence- **1 Cor. 4:19; Philemon 15; James 4:13-15.**
  - There are times when God answers “**Yes**” “**No**” Or “**Wait.**”

## **II. God Says No, Because It Goes Against His Plans.**

- A. Can we, through ignorance of God’s plans, ask for things contrary?
  - (1) Peter did- **Mark 8:31-33; Matthew 17:1-5.**
- B. Jesus in the Garden- **Matthew 26:39-42.** (Definitely not in ignorance!)

## **III. God Says No, Because We Ask From God Wrongly.**

- A. **1 John 5:14-** Must be according to God’s will.
- B. We must ask in faith- **James 1:5-7.**
- C. We cannot ask for selfish things- **James 4:1-3.**

## **IV. God Says No, Because Of Sin’s Consequences.**

- A. Moses- **Deuteronomy 3:21-29; Numbers 27:14.**
- B. David- **2 Samuel 12:13-23.**
- C. **Psalm 66:18.**

## **V. God Says No, To get Us To Trust In Him.**

- A. **2 Corinthians 12:7-10.**
- B. “*Whatever God doesn’t deliver us from, He helps us through.*”
- C. **James 1:2-4.**

## **VI. God Says No, Because It’s Not In Our Best Interest.**

- A. **Mark 10:35-40.**
- B. Asking for a wife- Garth Brooks Song: “***Unanswered Prayers.***”
- C. God may have better things for us later.

## **VII. When God Says No, How Do We Handle It?**

- A. Are we shaken by it? Does It Overthrow Our Faith?
- B. Do We Take It Personally? Think That God Has Something Against Us.
- C. Think That He doesn’t Care?
- D. Or Do We Still Trust In God With All Our Heart? Like Moses, David, & Jesus.
  - (1) Remember That God Knows Best.
  - (2) God’s will must go before our own will.