

“God Communicates Through Answered/Unanswered Prayer”

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The fact of the matter is that God sometimes answers prayer and sometimes he does not. Yet, God speaks to us through both.

A common saying is that God always answers prayer – sometimes His answer is “yes,” sometimes “no,” and sometimes “not yet.”

Shortly after Jesus’ death, King Herod put James to death.

The prayers of the apostles were clearly unanswered. (Acts 12:2).

At the same time Herod threw Peter into prison. *“The church was earnestly praying to God for him.”* (Acts 12:5) Then Peter was miraculously rescued from prison and maybe from death. Their prayers, this time, were answered.

ANSWERED PRAYER

Stories of answered prayer.

One amazing, answered prayer is worth 1,000 un-answered.

UNANSWERED PRAYER.

If your prayers have often been unanswered, you are in good company:

Peter prayed:

“I was given a thorn in the flesh to torment me. Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me.” Jesus denied Peter’s request.

Jesus prayed,

“My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me.”

Check List For Obstacles to Prayers being answered.

1. Do you harbor un-forgiveness?
2. Do you have unrepentant sin?

“When you ask, you must believe and not doubt... such a person should not expect to receive anything from the Lord.”

James 1:6-8

If things are fine with the above check list, then assume that God is okay with things as they are. That does not mean he will never answer that prayer – keep bringing your requests before God.

God knows best and unanswered prayer should be surrounded with the words of Isaiah 55:8-9:

“My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord. As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.”

In our relationship with God through prayer, it is helpful thinking of God as our Father, and we are like four-year-olds.

Also, take into consideration that while we may think of the Christian life as a cruise, God thinks of it as boot camp. After redemption, we are still imperfect and self-centered. He often does not answer prayer because He is doing a work in you through unpleasant circumstances.