

# The GOD & Questions



## Why Aren't My Prayers Answered?

### Introduction

- Job 30:20 "I call to You, O god, but you never answer, and when I pray you pay me no attention." (GNV)
- The fact is God wants to answer our prayers. The fact is, He does always answer!! "Yes" "Wait" "No"
- When the timing of our prayer is off, God says "Wait". He is developing character qualities in us like endurance and submission.

### I. Why Does God say "No"?

A. The request may be inappropriate.

- Matthew 17:4 "Let me put up three shelters Lord?" "No"
- God loves us too much to say "yes" to an inappropriate request.
- "If you'll just zap me to my game, I'll go to Africa." "No"
- Abraham asked "Make Ishmael the son of promise." "No"

B. Something may be blocking our connection to God.

Five "**Prayer Busters**" ....

1. Unconfessed sin.
  - Isaiah 59:2
  - Psalm 66:8
  - Search our hearts Lord!
  - "Prayer prevents us from sin, and sin prevents us from prayer."
2. Broken Relationships.
  - Matthew 5:23-24
  - I Peter 3:7
  - Ephesians 4:32
  - Romans 12:18
3. Disobedience
  - Psalm 81:10-12
  - Malachi 3:8-10
4. Wrong Motives
  - James 4:3
5. Lack of Faith
  - James 1:5-8 (double-minded, doubting)
  - Mark 11:23 Plan on seeing a mighty demonstration of God's power.

### II. What is the biggest reason we don't see more "yes" answers to prayer?

- James 4:2b "...you do not have, because you do not ask."
- The 5 minute a day challenge!