




My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?  
 Why are you so far from helping me, from  
 the words of my groaning?  
 O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer;  
 and by night, but find no rest.

Psalm 22:1-2  
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## “When God is Silent”

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Week 1: God is still speaking, often through mature mentors.  
 Week 2: God’s voice is found where we least expect it, like in silence.  
 Week 3: God’s voice is direct, loving, consistent, and does not argue.

 First, we must love God for more than what He can do for us.  
 Second, God will never love you more than He does right now.  
 Third, God will never love you less than He does right now.

God’s love is not based on our \_\_\_\_\_.  
 God’s love is based on God’s \_\_\_\_\_. 1 John 4:7-8  
 God is more ready to \_\_\_\_\_ than we are to \_\_\_\_\_.  
 God hears and answers all our prayers in **three ways**:

**I. When God Says Yes:** Give \_\_\_\_\_ to him, bless his name. Psalm 100

### II. When God Says No

God says no when saying yes would bring us \_\_\_\_\_.  
 God says no when we pray at \_\_\_\_\_ purposes with others.  
 God says no when God has something \_\_\_\_\_. Matthew 27:45-50

### III. When God Says Not Yet

God’s \_\_\_\_\_ is perfect. (2 Peter 3:8-9)

#### When God is Silent

Sometimes it is on us: when we are mad at \_\_\_\_\_.  
 When we are mad at \_\_\_\_\_ (unforgiveness). Matthew 5:22-24  
 When God has told us what to do and we are \_\_\_\_\_ or impatient.

Sometimes God is at work deepening us: John of the Cross 1542-1591  
 The “Dark Night of the Soul” is God \_\_\_\_\_ us.  
 The dark night frees us from spiritual \_\_\_\_\_ and grants humility.  
 The dark night frees us from an unhealthy attachment to \_\_\_\_\_.  
 God’s love urges us to \_\_\_\_\_ up in Him.  
 We love God and others not because of their \_\_\_\_\_,  
 but because of our \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ Jesus our Lord.

#### Action Steps:

1. Count the times you \_\_\_\_\_ those who do less than you.
2. When you do, \_\_\_\_\_ and relax and enjoy God.
3. Be \_\_\_\_\_ with God this week.