

**The Answer to Unanswered Prayer**  
Breakthrough: Leaning into the Power of Prayer  
Part 5 of 7 – February 2, 2025

John 14:13-14 and 1 John 5:14-15

1. A Limited \_\_\_\_\_ of Prayer as Petition.
  - Adoration, confession, intercession, submission.
  
2. A Limited \_\_\_\_\_ Through Prayer.
  - In all the circumstances mentioned in the Bible, the situations, even though prayed for, worked out better in the bigger picture.
  - God's no or not yet is not a REJECTION. It is a REDIRECTION
  
3. A \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ Answer is An Answer:
  - The hardest thing about praying hard is enduring unanswered prayers
  - What we perceive as unanswered prayers are often the greatest answers.

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What now?

- Continue to pray!
- *Ask God to reveal to you if the request has already been answered. Be on the lookout for the "no, not yet" or "I have something better in store" answers.*
- Thank God for unanswered prayer.

APPLICATION POINT -

This week, as you continue your 7-week, 42-day prayer journey. Spend some time thanking God for unanswered prayer in your life. Read a Scripture (like Isaiah 65:24) as a reminder that God hears and answers ALL requests according to His will and timing.

## GROWTH QUESTIONS:

1. If a friend asked you this question, how would you respond? If God loves you so much, why doesn't He say 'yes' to all of your requests? Wouldn't a loving God do that?
2. For you, what are the most challenging parts of not feeling like God is answering your prayers?
3. What causes us to miss an answer to prayer yet feel like it has gone unanswered? What can we do to prevent this from happening in the future?
4. Look back to Pastor Nate's first point, where he says that we have a limited view of prayer as a petition. Nate lists adoration, confession, intercession, and submission as other parts of prayer. Which part of prayer is most challenging for you, and why?
5. The answer to unanswered prayer is that God always answers our prayers. Even unanswered prayer is an answer. What do you think of this statement? Do you agree or disagree? Why?