



## When God Seems Silent

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### Introduction:

- Taking our prayer life to the next level
- Unanswered prayers

*God, I cry out to you for help, but you don't answer. I stand up and pray, but you don't pay attention to me.* **Job 30:20**

*My God, I kept calling by day, and I was not silent at night. But you did not answer me.* **Psalms 22:2**

*These were all commended for their faith, yet none of them received what had been promised since God had planned something better for us...* **Hebrews 11:39-40**

## When it seems that my prayers go unanswered, remember...

### 1. God is not \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_

*Nothing in all the world can be hidden from God. He can clearly see all things. Everything is open before him...*

**Hebrews 4:13**

### 2. God's \_\_\_\_\_ are better than \_\_\_\_\_

*This plan of mine is not what you would work out, neither are my thoughts the same as yours! For just as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than yours, and my thoughts than yours.*

**Isaiah 55:8-9**

*In the beginning, I told you what would happen in the end. A long time ago, I told you things that have not happened yet. When I plan something, it happens.*

**Isaiah 46:10**

### 3. I can \_\_\_\_\_ God even when \_\_\_\_\_

*And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.* **Romans 8:28**

### Next Steps:

- I commit to improve my prayer life during this message series: \_\_\_\_\_
- I put my trust in God and his plan for my life and future (even if it doesn't match my plan)
- I commit to pray every day this week (even if God seems silent)
- Please add me to the prayer team and send me the weekly prayer requests by email
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### Prayer Stations Today:

**1. Praise Station:** Worship Center (front right)

*"I Love God because..."*

[Write your praise or love note to God on the white board]

**2. Light a Candle:** Worship Center (front left)

[Light a candle for someone or a situation and pray for them. You can ask for special prayer at this station]

**3. Release your worries to God:** Conference Room

[As you pray and release your worries to God, release a rock into the pool of water]

**4. Confession:** Conference Room

[Write down your confession on paper, crumple it up, throw it away in the trash --- as you ask God to forgive you]