



Series: To Pray Like Jesus

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Unanswered prayer...

- divine silence
- alternative answers
- prolonged waiting

...can make it seem like God is intolerably inconsistent.

1. Not all of Jesus' prayers were answered.
2. Prayer isn't about results but relationship.
3. My perspective is limited, God's is infinite.
4. Many things in life only make sense when looking back.
5. There's a lot more going on than I'm aware of.
6. Some prayers are better left unanswered.
7. Faith can only mature when it's tested.

Coping Strategies

- Look inside
to see if I'm blocking God's answer.
- Look back
remembering how & where God met me in the past.

- Look around
to the prayer support of others.
- Look up
resting in God's love & rule and waiting with expectancy.

When Prayer Goes Unanswered

I can slide from...

self blame
↓
doubts about prayer
↓
doubts about God
↓
spiritual disillusionment

Or I can...

express my faith and love for God by choosing to keep on praying until the Father gives a clear answer, until He changes what I'm asking for, or until He tells me to stop.

Just because God doesn't answer the way you want him to... doesn't mean he doesn't care.

New to Foothills?

Take a moment to chat with a welcome team member in the lobby before you leave today. They want to talk to you, answer your questions, and give you an idea of what our church is all about.

Got kids?

Kids Church is offered for both Sunday services. Sign-in for children ages six weeks to Kindergarten is in the church offices building. Sign-in for 1st–5th graders is through the breezeway to the northeast side of the building. InnerMission 6 for 6th graders and Warehouse for 7th–12th graders meet during the 10:45 service.

Feeling lost in the crowd?

Join a Missional Community. These small groups offer a place to connect, learn, and grow. Find a group online or contact Susie June at the church office.

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