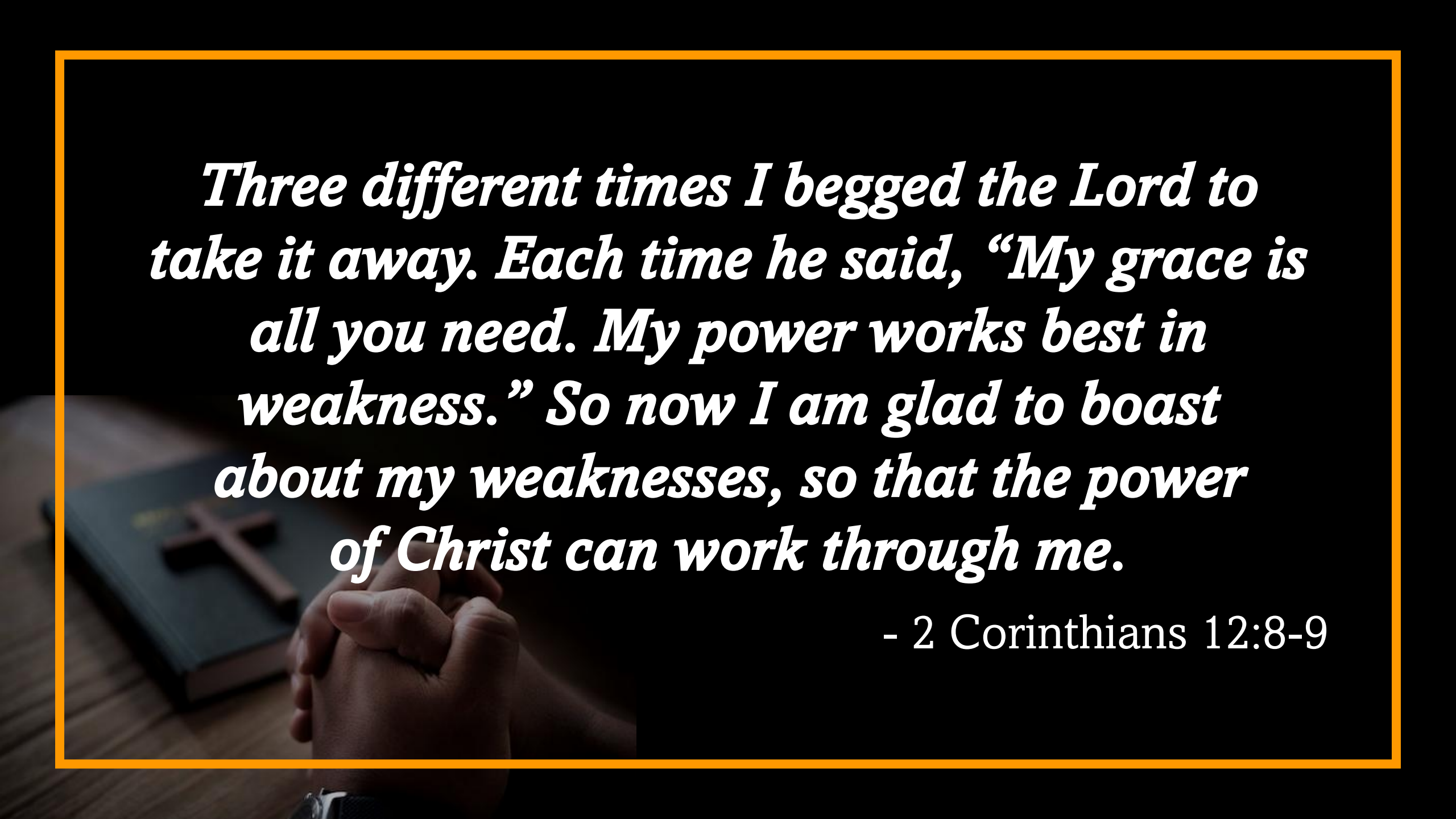


WHEN GOD
SAYS NO



A close-up, low-angle shot of a person's hands clasped together in a prayerful gesture. The hands are positioned over a dark-colored Bible, which has a prominent gold cross on its cover. The background is softly blurred, showing a wooden surface. The overall lighting is warm and intimate, emphasizing the spiritual nature of the scene.

Three different times I begged the Lord to take it away. Each time he said, “My grace is all you need. My power works best in weakness.” So now I am glad to boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ can work through me.

- 2 Corinthians 12:8-9

**God's "no" is not a
challenge for us
to prove Him wrong.**

...but why?!?!


God is seeing what we can't

“My thoughts are nothing like your thoughts,” says the Lord.

“And my ways are far beyond anything you could imagine.”

- Isaiah 55:8

God is seeing what we can't

**...the full extent of circumstances are
unseen by us; God is all-seeing in
both the physical and spiritual realm.**

God's NO = Protection

God is shaping who we are

*When trouble comes your way,
consider it an opportunity for great joy.
For you know that when your faith is tested,
your endurance has a chance to grow.*

- James 1:2-3

God is shaping who we are

**...your Creator knows you better than
you know yourself; what causes us
groaning may lead to us growing.**

God's NO = Correction

God is steering our future

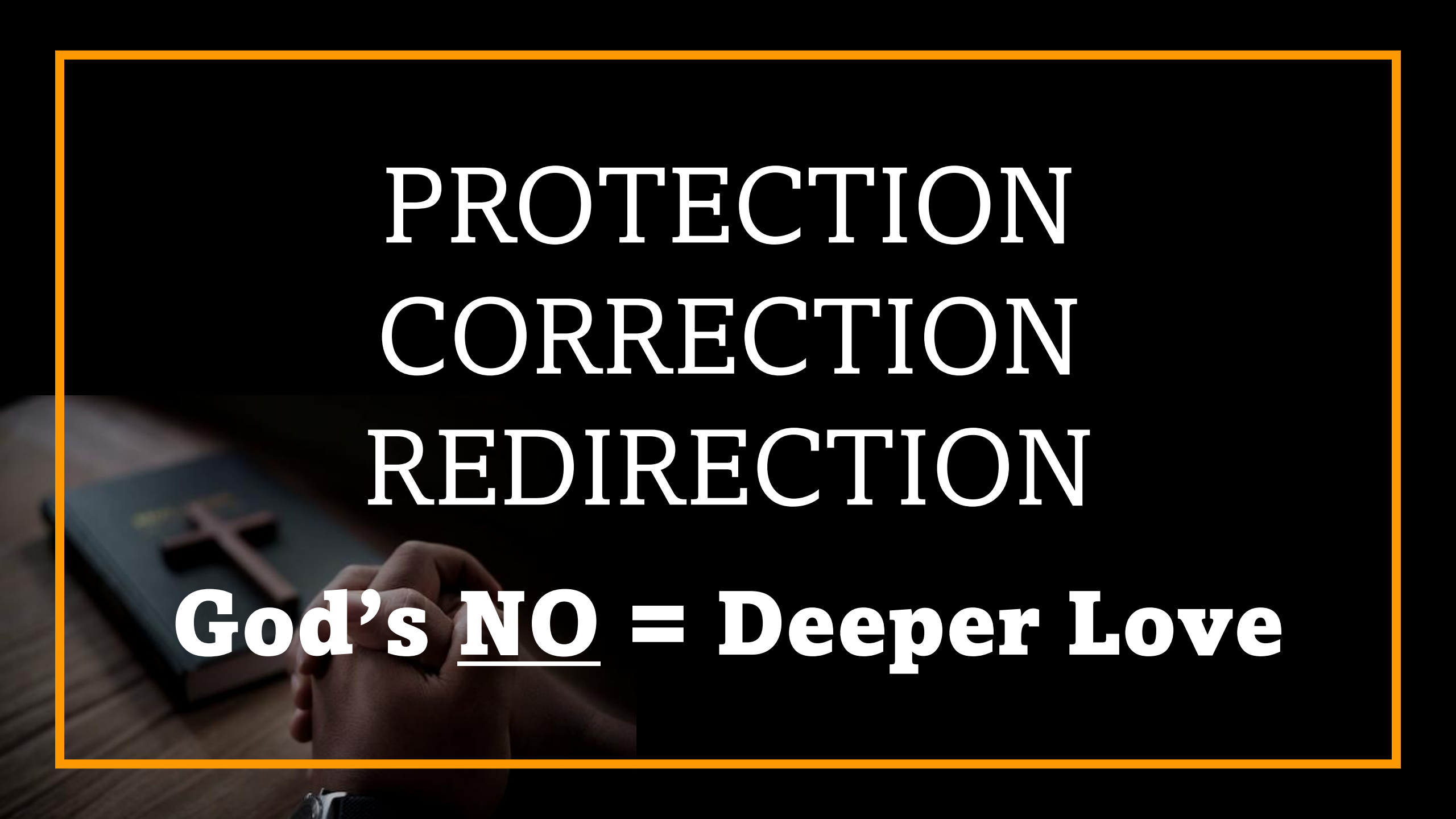
We know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them.

- Romans 8:28

God is steering our future

...while we may not know what the future holds, we know who holds the future; God guides us to the great!

God's NO = Redirection



PROTECTION
CORRECTION
REDIRECTION

God's NO = Deeper Love

**Our response to God's “no”
should be to trust Him...**

*Trust in the Lord with all your heart;
do not depend on your own understanding.*

*Seek his will in all you do,
and he will show you which path to take.*

- Proverbs 3:5-6

**Our response to God's "no"
should be to trust Him...**

*"Father, if you are willing,
please take this cup of suffering away from me.
Yet I want your will to be done, not mine."*

- Luke 22:42

**Our response to God's “no”
should be to trust Him...**

“Father, if you are willing,

Yet I want your will to be done, not mine.”

When God says “no”, remember

*For the Lord God is our sun and our shield.
He gives us grace and glory. The Lord will
withhold no good thing from those who
do what is right. O Lord of Heaven's Armies,
what joy for those who trust in you.*

- Psalm 84:11-12

