

WHEN GOD  
Pt. 1 – “When God is Uncooperative”  
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Inattentive  
Uncooperative  
Late

God’s lack of cooperation  
is not an argument  
for or against His existence

Paul:

2 Corinthians 12:7-10 (NIV)

[7] To keep me from becoming **conceited** because of these surpassingly great revelations,

there was given me a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me.

[8] **Three times** I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me.

[9] But He said to me, "**My grace is sufficient for you**, for my power is made perfect in weakness."

Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me.

[10] That is why, for Christ's sake, **I delight** in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties.

For when I am weak, then I am strong.

God has permission  
to say, “No.”

God may choose  
to showcase His power  
on the stage  
of our weaknesses.

You can’t experience  
God’s sustaining Grace  
while resisting His Will.

Sustaining Grace begins with:  
“Not *my* will  
But *Your* will be done.”