

**God answers prayer. But sometimes, God is silent.**

**As believers, we've all been there – or will be. We may earnestly seek God but, in return, only sense His silence.**

**And this silence can be difficult, frustrating, even excruciating.**



**Luke 1:14–15**

**14 And you will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth.**

**15 For he will be great in the sight of the Lord, and shall drink neither wine nor strong drink. He will also be filled with the Holy Spirit, even from his mother's womb.**

**Matthew 11:**

**1 When Jesus had finished giving instructions to His twelve disciples, He departed from there to teach and preach in their cities.**

**2 Now when John, while imprisoned, heard of the works of Christ, he sent word by his disciples**

**3 and said to Him, "Are You the Expected One, or shall we look for someone else?"**

**4 Jesus answered and said to them, "Go and report to John what you hear and see:**

**5 the BLIND RECEIVE SIGHT and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, and the POOR HAVE THE GOSPEL PREACHED TO THEM.**

**6 "And blessed is he who does not take offense at Me."**

"When you cannot hear God, you will find that He has trusted you in the most intimate way possible – with absolute silence, not a silence of despair, but one of pleasure, because He saw that you could withstand an even bigger revelation."  
Oswald Chambers

**Matthew 15:21–28 (NIV84)**

**21 Leaving that place, Jesus withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon.**

**22 A Canaanite woman from that vicinity came to him, crying out, "Lord, Son of David, have mercy on me! My daughter is suffering terribly from demon-possession."**

**23 Jesus did not answer a word. So his disciples came to him and urged him, "Send her away, for she keeps crying out after us."**

**24 He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of Israel."**

**25 The woman came and knelt before him. "Lord, help me!" she said.**

**26 He replied, "It is not right to take the children's bread and toss it to their dogs."**

**27 "Yes, Lord," she said, "but even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table."**

**28 Then Jesus answered, "Woman, you have great faith! Your request is granted." And her daughter was healed from that very hour.**

**Psalm 22:2 David said, "Oh my God, I cry by day, but You do not answer, and by night, but I find no rest"**

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**God has spoken to us in the Bible about 783,137 words.**

**Sometimes I think we forget how precious the Bible that contains the very words of God really is.**

**If you feel like God has led you down a specific path - then stay on that path until you know for sure that God is moving you some place else.**

### **Genesis 7**

**1 The LORD then said to Noah, "Go into the ark, you and your whole family, because I have found you righteous in this generation.**

### **Hebrews 11:7 (NIV84)**

**7 By faith Noah, when warned about things not yet seen, in holy fear built an ark to save his family. By his faith he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness that comes by faith.**

### **Luke 1:**

**11 Then an angel of the Lord appeared to him, standing at the right side of the altar of incense.**

**12 When Zechariah saw him, he was startled and was gripped with fear.**

**13 But the angel said to him: "Do not be afraid, Zechariah; your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you are to give him the name John.**

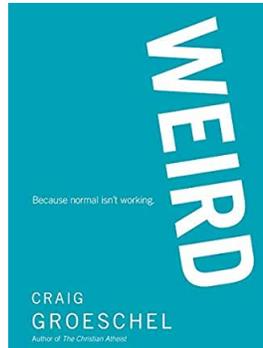
**16 Many of the people of Israel will he bring back to the Lord their God.**

**18 Zechariah asked the angel, "How can I be sure of this? I am an old man and my wife is well along in years."**

**19 The angel answered, "I am Gabriel. I stand in the presence of God, and I have been sent to speak to you and to tell you this good news.**

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**That kind  
of faith  
changes  
us just like  
it did for  
Noah.**



**Why am I here on  
this earth? What if  
I had died? If my  
life ended now -  
would it matter?  
What happens  
after we die? Is  
there a heaven and  
hell?**

**Matt 7:13-14**

**13 "Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it.**

**14 But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it.**

**1 Thessalonians 2:4 (HCSB)**

**4 Instead, just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel, so we speak, not to please men, but rather God, who examines our hearts.**

**He had a  
message  
that  
people  
didn't  
want to  
hear.**

**So...Genesis 7**

**1 The LORD then said to Noah, "Go into the ark, you and your whole family, because I have found you righteous in this generation.**

**2 Take with you seven of every kind of clean animal, a male and its mate, and two of every kind of unclean animal, a male and its mate,**

**3 and also seven of every kind of bird, male and female, to keep their various kinds alive throughout the earth.**

**And you shall . . . make a distinction between the unclean and the clean, and between the edible creature and the creature which is not to be eaten. Leviticus 11:46-47**

**Unclean - The camel, rock badger, rabbit, and the pig.**

**Among the birds, the eagle, vulture, buzzard, kite, falcon, raven, ostrich, owl, sea hawk, little owl, great owl, cormorant, pelican, stork, carrion vulture, heron, hoopoe and bat could not be eaten.**

**the mole, the mouse, the great lizard in its kind, the gecko, the crocodile, the lizard, the sand reptile, and the chameleon.**

**Clean – deer, ox, sheep, goat, antelope, bison, cattle  
Among the insects, they could not eat were those that walked on four legs, except for the cricket, locust, and grasshopper.**

**4 Seven days from now I will send rain on the earth for forty days and forty nights, and I will wipe from the face of the earth every living creature I have made.”**

**5 And Noah did all that the LORD commanded him.**

**Proverbs 21:1 (NKJV)**

**1 The king’s heart is in the hand of the LORD, like the rivers of water; He turns it wherever He wishes.**



**6 Noah was six hundred years old when the floodwaters came on the earth.**

God could have told Noah to go to higher ground.

**4 Seven days from now I will send rain on the earth for forty days and forty nights, and I will wipe from the face of the earth every living creature I have made."**

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**Psalm 104:5–9 (NIV84)**

**5 He set the earth on its foundations; it can never be moved.**

**6 You covered it with the deep as with a garment; the waters stood above the mountains.**

**7 But at your rebuke the waters fled, at the sound of your thunder they took to flight;**

**8 they flowed over the mountains, they went down into the valleys, to the place you assigned for them.**

**9 You set a boundary they cannot cross; never again will they cover the earth.**

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**2 Peter 3:**

**6 through which the world at that time was destroyed, being flooded with water.**

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God would be a liar if it were a localized flood.

Geological Evidence



**Matthew 24:38–39**

**38 For in the days before the flood, people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day Noah entered the ark;**

**Luke 3:36**

**son of Cainan, son of Arphaxad, son of Shem, son of Noah,**