



Even when we consistently make wise decisions, sometimes God closes a door for seemingly no reason. What often looks like a mistake or injustice to us is really God being able to see the big picture of our lives. True wisdom and trust are seeing a closed door and saying, “Lord, not my will, but yours be done.”

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. **Read Genesis 18:18.** God singled out Abraham, made him wait, and tested him to the max. He had the big picture in mind, which we don’t always see. What situation(s) are you waiting on God for right now? What do you think God could be trying to develop in you through this?
2. What prayers of yours have ended up as closed doors? How did those situations play out? What can you learn from them, in retrospect?
3. Sometimes God has a door open and ready for us to walk through, we just don’t see it because we’ve given up. Where in your life might God simply be looking for persistence and trust from you before giving you a yes?
4. There are situations in life that we will never understand, ones we can’t fathom why God allowed us to experience. But God asks us to remain faithful to and trust in him, regardless. How can you trust—and even praise—God in difficult or confusing circumstances today?

## CHALLENGE

This week, spend time in God’s word and ask him to grant you wisdom as you face decisions and closed doors. Read what His word says, and soon your desires will start to fall more in line with what God’s desires are for you.

## COMMIT TO MEMORY

For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened. **Luke 11:10**