

THE BIBLE DOESN'T SAY THAT

“When
God Closes
A Door”

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Main Passage:

This is the message from the one who is holy and true, the one who has the key of David. What he opens, no one can close; and what he closes, no one can open. Revelation 3:7

1. God closes doors to _____ me.

There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens: a time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to uproot, a time to kill and a time to heal, a time to tear down and a time to build. Ecclesiastes 3:1-3

2. God closes doors to _____ me.

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight. Proverbs 3:5-6

“My thoughts are nothing like your thoughts,” says the Lord. “And my ways are far beyond anything you could imagine. For just as the heavens are higher than the earth, so my ways are higher than your ways and my thoughts higher than your thoughts. Isaiah 55:8-9

3. God closes doors to _____ me.

- A. Maybe I need to let go?
- B. Maybe I need to change my focus.
- C. Maybe I need to wait.

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1. God closes doors to HEAL me.

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2. God closes doors to PROTECT me.

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3. God closes doors to TEACH me.

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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WEEK 5

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[CONNECT]

What do Christians mean when they say that God opened or closed a door? Does God open or present us opportunities? Does he close or take away opportunities? Talk about the different reasons why God would do that? Is there ever a time when His plan is for you to sit and wait on Him? Has this ever happened to you?

[ENGAGE]

What impacted you most personally from the message?

[GROW]

It might be beneficial to start by reading Revelation 3:7. What is this scripture telling us? Who is it referring to? Does this bring you any sort of comfort?

Why would God close a door to bring healing to us? Why doesn't He just bring healing as continue to move forward? What's the point of closing the door?

God closes doors to protect us sometimes. Why is it difficult for us to see how we need protecting? What is He protecting us from?

God closes doors to teach us something. Talk about the different things that he might be teaching us. Has there ever been a time when a closed door taught you something?

Why is waiting on the Lord one of the most difficult things for us to do?

[LEAD (YOURSELF)]

Sometime this week, ask yourself these questions.

Do I need to let go and let God?

Do I need to start focusing on my abundance rather than my lack.

Do I need to wait on the Lord?