

Unanswered Prayer

Read Philippians 4v1-9

"The trouble with God is that he is like a person who never acknowledges one's letters and so, in time, one comes to the conclusion either that he does not exist or that you have got the address wrong." C S Lewis

- 1) Does this quote by C S Lewis make sense to you?
- 2) Can you share an experience of answered prayer?
- 3) Can you share an experience of unanswered prayer?
- 4) How has your church community helped you during these times?
- 5) Why do you think God can be silent during times of need?
- 6) How do you relate to God following times of unanswered prayer, is there hope in the wilderness?

One of the greatest theological questions of our time in the realm of petitionary prayer appears to be whether or not we should ask God for parking spaces. I've seen rooms light up with debate on this one thorny conundrum. And it seems to me that the answer is clear: yes, we should indeed ask God to give us parking spots. Why? Because when we pray for places to park we become the kind of people who worship God for a patch of concrete outside a supermarket on a rainy Saturday in January. Pete Grieg

7) Does God answer our prayers about parking spaces?