

DO NOT ENTER ALL THE PLACES TO GO...HOW WILL YOU KNOW?

The _____

1. Sometimes doors remain closed because we want the _____ thing.

Mark 9:2-6 (MSG) *Six days later, three of them did see it. Jesus took Peter, James, and John and led them up a high mountain. His appearance changed from the inside out, right before their eyes. 3 His clothes shimmered, glistening white, whiter than any bleach could make them. 4 Elijah, along with Moses, came into view, in deep conversation with Jesus. 5 Peter interrupted, "Rabbi, this is a great moment! Let's build three memorials - one for you, one for Moses, one for Elijah." 6 He blurted this out without thinking, stunned as they all were by what they were seeing.*

2. Sometimes a door remains closed because there is something _____, we just don't see it yet.

3. Sometimes a door remains closed because I need to _____.

4. Sometimes a door remains closed because God has _____ I don't know about.

2 Corinthians 11:22-28 *Are they Hebrews? So am I. Are they Israelites? So am I. Are they Abraham's descendants? So am I. 23 Are they servants of Christ? (I am out of my mind to talk like this.) I am more. I have worked much harder, been in prison more frequently, been flogged more severely, and been exposed to death again and again. 24 Five times I received from the Jews the forty lashes minus one. 25 Three times I was beaten with rods, once I was pelted with stones, three times I was shipwrecked, I spent a night and a day in the open sea, 26 I have been constantly on the move. I have been in danger from rivers, in danger from bandits, in danger from my fellow Jews, in danger from Gentiles; in danger in the city, in danger in the country, in danger at sea; and in danger from false believers. 27 I have labored and toiled and have often gone without sleep; I have known hunger and thirst and have often gone without food; I have been cold and naked. 28 Besides everything else, I face daily the pressure of my concern for all the churches.*

2 Corinthians 12:7-10 (MSG) *Because of the extravagance of those revelations, and so I wouldn't get a big head, I was given the gift of a handicap to keep me in constant touch with my limitations. Satan's angel did his best to get me down; what he in fact did was push me to my knees. No danger then of walking around high and mighty! 8 At first I didn't think of it as a gift, and begged God to remove it. Three times I did that, 9 and then he told me, My grace is enough; it's all you need. My strength comes into its own in your weakness. Once I heard that, I was glad to let it happen. I quit focusing on the handicap and began appreciating the gift. It was a case of Christ's strength moving in on my weakness. 10 Now I take limitations in stride, and with good cheer, these limitations that cut me down to size - abuse, accidents, opposition, bad breaks. I just let Christ take over! And so the weaker I get, the stronger I become.*

What do we do?

1. Listen to the right _____.

A _____ from the enemy at the right moment of vulnerability can sound like the _____.

2. Allow the Holy Spirit to _____ you.

3. Embrace the _____.

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There are some things about _____ that you will not discover through a "yes" that you can only encounter through a "no".

My strength comes into it's own/made perfect:

- **to carry through completely, to accomplish, to finish;**
- **to add to what is lacking to render a thing full**
- **to be found perfect.**