

EXPECTING THE BEST

Lessons of Faith

Part 1

“According to your faith will it be done to you.” Matthew 9:29

“Faith assures us of things we expect...” Hebrews 11:1

EXPECTING THE BEST: is the confident assurance that God is IN CONTROL of the future and that He plans WHAT IS BEST for my life because He loves me.

“I will guide you along the best pathway for your life. I’ll advise you and watch over you.” Psalms 32:8

WHY EXPECT THE BEST? 1 Samuel 17:1-52 (David faces Goliath)

1. IT HONORS GOD

“This day the Lord will hand you over to me, and I’ll strike you down ... and the whole world will know that there is a God!” 1 Sam. 17:46

2. IT INCREASES MY ABILITY

“David hurled a stone from his sling and hit the Philistine in the forehead. The stone sank in, and Goliath stumbled and fell face downward to the ground.” 1 Sam 17:49

3. IT ENCOURAGES OTHERS

“Then the Israelites gave a great shout of triumph and rushed after the Philistines, chasing them as far as Gath.” 1 Sam. 17:52

HOW TO EXPECT THE BEST WHEN FACING GIANTS

1- TUNE IN TO GOD EVERY MORNING.

DAVID:

“In the morning, O LORD, you hear my voice; in the morning I lay my requests before you and wait in expectation.” Psalms 5:3

“Worship God if you want the best; worship opens doors to all his goodness.” Psalms 34:9

2- THINK ON GOD’S PROMISES THROUGHOUT THE DAY.

DAVID:

“Though the wicked hide along the way to kill me, I will quietly keep my mind upon your promises.” Psalms 119:95

DAVID: *“I’ve banked your promises in the vault of my heart...” Psalms 119:11*

“You'll do best by filling your minds and meditating on things true, noble, reputable, authentic, compelling, gracious—the best, not the worst; the beautiful, not the ugly...” Philippians 4:8

“Let's keep a firm grip on the promises that keep us going. He always keeps His Word.” Hebrews 10:23

3- TRUST IN GOD'S LOVE WHEN THINGS LOOK BAD.

DAVID:

“O my soul, don't be discouraged. Don't be upset. Expect God to act! For I know that I shall again have plenty of reason to praise him for all that he will do.” Psalms 42:11

“While we were children, our parents did what seemed best to them. But God is doing what is best for us, training us to live God's holy best.” Hebrews 12:10

“I'll get you out of any trouble. I'll give you the best of care if you'll only get to know and trust me.” Psalms 91:14

4- TALK WITH OTHER BELIEVERS.

DAVID:

“I'm a friend and companion of those committed to living by your rules.” Psalms 119:63

“Let us not give up the habit of meeting together... Instead, let us encourage one another...” Hebrews 10:25

DAVID: *“Keep company with God, get in on the best.”* Psalms 37:4