

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 _____ of the future and that He plans _____ 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 _____

“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 _____

“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 _____

“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 _____ 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 _____ 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...” Psal 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 _____ 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 _____.

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

Next Sunday:

STRETCHING MY IMAGINATION

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