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# EXPECT THE WORD TO WORK

THE SEAT OF EXPECTATION

SMALL GROUP STUDY GUIDE

Look for the promises of God to manifest in your life. Expectation is a law that functions and operates on the Earth. The law of expectation states this, "you don't always get what you want, what you get is what you expect." Your expectation being set can shift the dimensions in your favor.

Some of us how stopped expecting, how did we lose our expectation? Sometimes, we are afraid because of life's disappointments. We are afraid to set expectations because we want to protect our hearts from being disappointed.

*Psalm 62:5-6 KJV - [5] My soul, wait thou only upon God; For my expectation is from him. [6] He only is my rock and my salvation: He is my defence; I shall not be moved.*

- Don't live with low expectations
- Expectations are a belief system that requires faith by belief
- You should be expecting God to do what His word says
- When your expectations are from God no one can take your seat
- This is your year of supernatural increase in family, finances, healing, business
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*What are you believing in God for? What is the measurement of your faith while you wait?*

*Matthew 8:5-10,13 NIV - [5] When Jesus had entered Capernaum, a centurion came to him, asking for help. [6] "Lord," he said, "my servant lies at home paralyzed, suffering terribly." [7] Jesus said to him, "Shall I come and heal him?" [8] The centurion replied, "Lord, I do not deserve to have you come under my roof. But just say the word, and my servant will be healed. [9] For I myself am a man under authority, with soldiers under me. I tell this one, 'Go,' and he goes; and that one, 'Come,' and he comes. I say to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it." [10] When Jesus heard this, he was amazed and said to those following him, "Truly I tell you, I have not found anyone in Israel with such great faith. [13] Then Jesus said to the centurion, "Go! Let it be done just as you believed it would." And his servant was healed at that moment.*

- May your faith be so strong this year it amazes God
- It will be what you expect
- God's will is working in your life
- The Word is nigh thee; Just open your mouth and speak the word over your situation
- Your expectations from God causes him to move

*Have you yielded your expectations to God's will? Why or why not?*

*Hebrews 11:1 AMP - Now faith is the assurance (title deed, confirmation) of things hoped for (divinely guaranteed), and the evidence of things not seen [the conviction of their reality – faith comprehends as fact what cannot be experienced by the physical senses].*

- You have the deed of what God promised without the manifestation
- Your faith causes things to manifest
- Faith brings your future into your now
- Faith is the currency in the Kingdom of God
- Faith is the language of God

*What has God promised you? Has it begun to manifest? If not, how does God know He can still trust you to believe? How can you build up your faith?*

## FOUR THINGS TO EXPECT

### EXPECT TO GET IN HIS PRESENCE

*Matthew 8:5 NIV - When Jesus had entered Capernaum, a centurion came to him, asking for help.*

- In God's presence, you see Him as a miracle worker, waymaker, and the one who can do exceedingly and abundantly above what you ask or think
- God's presence becomes the atmosphere of miracles signs and wonders
- The presence of God is where peace and prosperity lives
- Ask for help whether you think you'll get the help or not
- So much should have kept the centurion from Jesus, but he asked anyway
  - He was a Gentile
  - He was an oppressor of the Jews
- You have to push pass your past to get in His presence
- The enemy will use your own flesh against you
- You can't allow no one or nothing to stop you from getting in his presence

*When was the last time you sat in God's presence? Describe your experience when you allow yourself to settle in God's presence. What does the enemy use against you to stop you from getting into Jesus's presence?*

*Hebrews 4:16 NIV -Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.*

- Approach his throne with confidence
- There is grace, mercy and help in his presence

- You can't sit at the table if you don't need anything

*What are you doing to get in the presence of God? What are you seeking once you enter the presence of God?*

## **EXPECT TO MAKE HIS REQUEST KNOWN**

*Matthew 8:6 NIV - "Lord," he said, "my servant lies at home paralyzed, suffering terribly."*

- Remind God of His Word
- You have to make your request known
- You have not because you haven't asked him
- Open your mouth and tell him what you want
- All things are working together for your good

*What scriptures are you reminding God of as you wait?*

*Philippians 4:6 NIV - Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.*

- You must understand how authority works
- God puts His mouth on things, not His hands
- Grab hold to God's Word until it manifests in your life
- Promises come with conditions, activate the Word of God
- Your posture reveals your expectations; shift your posture
- When you don't make your request known you take on the responsibility of fixing it yourself
- Whatever is on your heart or been troubling you, tell God about it

*What is preventing you from asking God for what you need? What is the benefit of taking your needs to God in prayer? How can you improve your prayer life in 2024?*

## **EXPECT TO RECEIVE A WORD**

*Psalms 107:20 NIV - He sent out his word and healed them; he rescued them from the grave.*

- There is hope in God's word
- Expect to hear from God concerning you and your troubles
- Expect to break free from your past and receive everything the word promises you
- The word of God can heal your heart of any hurt and pain you have experienced

*Do you believe God can give you a word for your situation? Has he given it to you already?*

*When was the last time you read God's word?*

*Matthew 8:7-8 NIV - [7] Jesus said to him, "Shall I come and heal him?" [8] The centurion replied, "Lord, I do not deserve to have you come under my roof. But just say the word, and my servant will be healed."*

- God's Word gives clarity, direction, understanding and instructions
- Until the word manifests you need to expect to receive
- Let it be done according to your faith
- God's spoke and the world was created
- Whatever God speaks becomes your reality
- You have to get into the word and learn to dissect it

*How do you receive a word from God? What are some ways you can get more into the word of God? What are the benefits of knowing the word for yourself?*

## **EXPECT HIS WORD TO BE CARRIED OUT**

*Matthew 8:13 NIV - [13] Then Jesus said to the centurion, "Go! Let it be done just as you believed it would." And his servant was healed at that moment.*

- Re-engage with the Word of God
- Have faith in the Word; it's already working
- Even when you can't see it, the Word is working
- When the word is spoken shift your life like you expect it to happen
- If God makes you a promise, you can count on the fact that it's already done
- God puts the promise before the problem in His Word
- Hold onto your faith until you see it manifest
- Your responsibility is to believe God's word

*Can you be vulnerable and walk by faith with your expectations? Where is your trust level in God?*

*Numbers 23:19 - God is not man, one given to lies, and not a son of man changing his mind. Does he speak and not do what he says? Does he promise and not come through?*

## **QUESTION**

*What are you expecting to receive from the Word of God?*

## **DECLARATION**

*I DECREE THE WORD OF GOD OVER MY LIFE. I DECREE IT WILL ACCOMPLISH EVERYTHING IT WAS SENT TO DO..*

## **PRAYER**

*Father God, forgive me for the excuses and lack of faith that I have shown. Your Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path. I will stand on Your Word in spite of the journey to get to the promise. By faith, I activate Your Word in every area of my life. By faith, I believe in the manifestation of Your Word over my life, my house and everything connected to me. You are not a man that You shall lie and Your Word will accomplish everything You sent it to do, in Jesus' name, Amen!*