

# Confidence, Peace, & Great Expectation in 2026

## Title: Expect God's Supernatural Action

John 14:12 (NLT)<sup>12</sup> “I tell you the truth, anyone who believes in me will do the same works I have done, and even greater works, because I am going to be with the Father.

Isaiah 40:31 (NLT)<sup>31</sup> But those who trust in the Lord will find new strength. They will soar high on wings like eagles. They will run and not grow weary. They will walk and not faint.

### Daniel 1- 6

- Daniel, Shadrack, Meshack, and Abednego trusted God even though they repeatedly faced presumably unanswered prayers, captivity in a foreign land, being slaves of sorts, threatened with death, and conspiracies against their lives.
- God is with His Children, His Followers. He is at work, and He is trustworthy even if things don't always make sense.

Genesis 50:20–21 (NLT)<sup>20</sup> You intended to harm me, but God intended it all for good. He brought me to this position so I could save the lives of many people.<sup>21</sup> No, don't be afraid. I will continue to take care of you and your children.” So he reassured them by speaking kindly to them.

Lives of Jesus' disciples were full of hardship, persecution, and martyrdom – yet miracles, purpose and power.

John 14:12–14 (NLT)<sup>12</sup> “I tell you the truth, anyone who believes in me will do the same works I have done, and even greater works, because I am going to be with the Father.<sup>13</sup> You can ask for anything in my name, and I will do it, so that the Son can bring glory to the Father.<sup>14</sup> Yes, ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it!

2 Timothy 4:18 (NLT)<sup>18</sup> Yes, and the Lord will deliver me from every evil attack and will bring me safely into his heavenly Kingdom. All glory to God forever and ever! Amen.

### What Does Living in Great Expectation Look Like?

#### 1. Looking Up for Christ's Second Coming

Acts 1:11 (NLT)<sup>11</sup> “Men of Galilee,” they said, “why are you standing here staring into heaven? Jesus has been taken from you into heaven, but someday he will return from heaven in the same way you saw him go!”

Matthew 24:42–44 (NLT)<sup>42</sup> “So you, too, must keep watch! For you don't know what day your Lord is coming.<sup>43</sup> Understand this: If a homeowner knew exactly when a burglar was coming, he would keep

watch and not permit his house to be broken into. <sup>44</sup> You also must be ready all the time, for the Son of Man will come when least expected.

**Matthew 24:27;30-31 (NLT)** <sup>27</sup> For as the lightning flashes in the east and shines to the west, so it will be when the Son of Man comes. .... <sup>30</sup> And then at last, the sign that the Son of Man is coming will appear in the heavens, and there will be deep mourning among all the peoples of the earth. And they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. <sup>31</sup> And he will send out his angels with the mighty blast of a trumpet, and they will gather his chosen ones from all over the world—from the farthest ends of the earth and heaven.

**Hebrews 9:28b (NLT)** He will come again, not to deal with our sins, but to bring salvation to all who are eagerly waiting for him.

### Specific Prophecy

**Isaiah 66:8 (NLT)** <sup>8</sup> Who has ever seen anything as strange as this? Who ever heard of such a thing? Has a nation ever been born in a single day? Has a country ever come forth in a mere moment? But by the time Jerusalem's birth pains begin, her children will be born.

**Matthew 24:10–12 (NLT)** <sup>10</sup> And many will turn away from me and betray and hate each other. <sup>11</sup> And many false prophets will appear and will deceive many people. <sup>12</sup> Sin will be rampant everywhere, and the love of many will grow cold.

**Daniel 12:4 (NLT)** <sup>4</sup> But you, Daniel, keep this prophecy a secret; seal up the book until the time of the end, when many will rush here and there, and knowledge will increase.”

## 2. Setting Our Sights On The Things of Heaven

**Colossians 3:2–3 (NLT)** <sup>2</sup> Think about the things of heaven, not the things of earth. <sup>3</sup> For you died to this life, and your real life is hidden with Christ in God.

**2 Corinthians 4:18 (NLT)** <sup>18</sup> So we don't look at the troubles we can see now; rather, we fix our gaze on things that cannot be seen. For the things we see now will soon be gone, but the things we cannot see will last forever.

## 3. Continuing to Pray and Expect God's Answer

## 4. Knowing God's Promises Will Be Fulfilled

## 5. Knowing God's Specific Prophetic Promises Will Come True

## 6. Continuing in Holy Spirit Power

**Ephesians 3:16–20 (NLT)** <sup>16</sup> I pray that from his glorious, unlimited resources he will empower you with inner strength through his Spirit. <sup>17</sup> Then Christ will make his home in your hearts as you trust in him. Your roots will grow down into God's love and keep you strong. <sup>18</sup> And may you have the power to

understand, as all God's people should, how wide, how long, how high, and how deep his love is. <sup>19</sup> May you experience the love of Christ, though it is too great to understand fully. Then you will be made complete with all the fullness of life and power that comes from God.

<sup>20</sup> Now all glory to God, who is able, through his mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think.

## 7. Knowing All Things Work Together For The Good

**Romans 8:28 (NLT)** <sup>28</sup> And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them.