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SUNDAY SERMON:

THE POWER OF EXPECTATION

Key Takeaways:

1. Having faith and expectation pleases God
2. Your identity in Christ is crucial for activating faith
3. Speaking life and believing can manifest miracles
4. Letting go of old mindsets and excuses is necessary for growth

## 5. Persistence in seeking God leads to rewards

### Discussion Questions:

1. The pastor emphasized the importance of knowing your identity in Christ. How does understanding your identity as a child of God impact your faith and expectations?
2. Bartimaeus cried out to Jesus despite others trying to silence him. Have you ever felt discouraged from expressing your faith? How can we cultivate boldness in our spiritual lives?
3. The sermon mentioned "casting away the garment" as a metaphor for letting go of old mindsets. What "garments" or limiting beliefs do you need to cast aside in your own life?
4. How does the concept of "say it, believe it, manifest" resonate with you? Can you share an experience where speaking faith led to a breakthrough?
5. The pastor stressed the power of personal praise and worship. How can we cultivate a

lifestyle of praise, even when we don't feel like it?

6. What areas of your life do you need to have greater expectations for God to move?

### Practical Applications:

1. Daily Declarations: Write down 3-5 positive declarations based on your identity in Christ. Speak these out loud daily for the next week.
2. Praise Challenge: Set aside 10 minutes each day this week for uninterrupted praise and worship, regardless of circumstances.
3. Garment Casting: Identify one limiting belief or excuse you've been holding onto. Write it down on a piece of paper, then symbolically "cast it away" by tearing up the paper and disposing of it.
4. Faith Sharing: Practice sharing your faith expectation with at least one person this week, even if it feels uncomfortable.

5. Gratitude Journal: Each day, write down one way you've seen God's faithfulness, to build your expectation for future blessings.