

Sermon Recap: "Good God Almighty, I Didn't Think About That!"

Dear Church Family,

I hope this email finds you well and still basking in the glow of Sunday's powerful message.

Summary: Bishop Jackson delivered an inspiring sermon titled "Good God Almighty, I Didn't Think About That!" based on Ephesians 3:20. The sermon explored how God often surprises us with blessings that exceed our expectations or imagination. It emphasized the power of the Holy Spirit working within us and encouraged us to expand our faith and expectations of what God can do in our lives.

Takeaways:

- God is preparing to do something extraordinary in our lives that will amaze us beyond our current thoughts or expectations.
- The same power that raised Jesus from the dead dwells in us through the Holy Spirit, enabling God to work mightily in and through us.
- We should be open to God's blessings coming in unexpected ways or exceeding what we've asked for, just as demonstrated in biblical examples like Moses, Abraham, Joseph, and Peter.

As we move forward this week, let's remember to "watch" for God's work in our lives, as Bishop Jackson urged. Let's also be mindful of the power within us and speak life and faith over our situations, believing that God can and will do "exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think."

May we all experience a moment soon that makes us exclaim, "Good God Almighty, I didn't think about that!"

In His service, ECC Communications Here's a 5-day Bible reading plan and devotional guide based on the themes from the transcription:

Day 1: Expecting the Unexpected

Reading: Ephesians 3:20-21

Devotional: God's ability to exceed our expectations is a central theme in today's sermon. As we reflect on Ephesians 3:20-21, consider the limitless power of God to work in and through us. How often do we place constraints on what we believe God can do? Today, open your heart to the possibility that God's plans for you may be far greater than anything you've imagined. Pray for the faith to trust in His power and the courage to step into the unexpected blessings He has in store for you.

Day 2: The Power Within

Reading: Romans 8:11

Devotional: Today's reading reminds us of the incredible power residing within believers - the same power that raised Christ from the dead. This echoes the sermon's emphasis on recognizing the Holy Spirit's active work in our lives. Take a moment to contemplate this profound truth. How might your daily life change if you truly believed and acted upon the reality of this divine power within you? Ask God to help you tap into this power, using it not for personal gain, but to glorify Him and serve others.

Day 3: Faith in the Unseen

Reading: Genesis 15:1-6

Devotional: Abraham's story, highlighted in the sermon, teaches us about faith in God's promises, even when the fulfillment seems impossible. As you read about God's covenant with Abraham, reflect on areas in your life where you're waiting on God's promises. How can you cultivate a faith that believes in the unseen? Consider writing down the promises you're holding onto and committing to trust God's timing and methods, even when they differ from your expectations.

Day 4: From Prison to Palace

Reading: Genesis 41:14-44

Devotional: Joseph's journey from prisoner to governor exemplifies God's ability to exceed our prayers and transform our circumstances. As you read this passage, think about the "prisons" in your own life - situations that feel limiting or hopeless. How can Joseph's story inspire you to maintain hope and faithfulness in difficult times? Pray for the wisdom to see God's hand at work in your challenges and the patience to wait for His perfect timing.

Day 5: Abundance from Scarcity

Reading: John 6:1-14

Devotional: The miracle of feeding the 5,000 demonstrates God's power to create abundance from scarcity. As you read this familiar story, focus on the boy who offered his small lunch. What "small offerings" can you present to God today? It might be a talent, a resource, or simply your time. Remember that in God's hands, even our smallest contributions can be multiplied beyond our imagination. Ask God to help you identify and offer your "five loaves and two fish," trusting Him to do immeasurably more than you can ask or imagine.