

Power of Expectation 09/11/2022. Reflection Questions:

1. If you are not expecting God to do some big things in your life that require His intervention, are you aiming too low?
2. When the Psalm writer states in Psalm 5:3, "In the morning I lay my requests before you and wait expectantly", what do you think that practically looked like?
3. Did any of the three points regarding why we should expect great things from God resonate with you?
 - a. His power working in us (Ephesians 3:20-21)
 - b. His work in the lives of others (Hebrews 13:8)
 - c. His word of promise (many Scriptures)
4. Which of these Biblical expectations do you find it easy or difficult to believe for:
 1. Salvation and Eternal life (John 10:9 - John 3:16)
 2. Forgiveness (1 John 1:9)
 3. Healing (Psalm 103:2-3)
 4. Everything we need (Philippians 4:19)
 5. More than we need (2 Corinthians 9:8)
 6. The Holy Spirit to fill your life (Luke 11:13)
 7. Wisdom and guidance (James 1:5)
 8. Recovery and restoration (Joel 2:25)
 9. An overcoming life (Romans 8:37)
 10. Peace of mind (Isaiah 26:3 - Philippians 4:7)
5. What is the difference between faith expectation and presumption in our prayers?
6. How can we set expectations that are not too high and lead to disappointment nor too low and cause us to miss out on things God has for us?
7. From the Old Testament book of Habakkuk 3:2 where he prays, "Lord, I have heard of Your fame; Lord, I stand in awe of Your deeds. Repeat them in our day, in our time make them known." This prayer comes out of a frustration of the apparent discrepancy between what God's word promises and what our human experience is. Why do you think that discrepancy exists?
8. How could Peter expect to be used by God in ministry when he had so severely failed the Lord?
9. What is one thing you are requesting from God in your life right now? Do you find yourself more bold and expectant or more apprehensive and unsure? Why do you think this is?