



January 2020

Dear Partner,

The New Year is here and I'm excited about the future. I love the future because I know what's coming! Our new theme this year is "Great Expectation Gets Great Results." You can call this year "The Year of Great Expectation." Now, notice that word *expectation*. When people expect, they are actually in the process of getting something—and that something is results. I don't know about you, but I like results!

Partner, when I talk about results, I'm talking about the kind of results you can see in your own life. But your eyes must be *open* to see your results before they show up—that is having faith in both God and in yourself. Let's get into the Word now. Turn to the book of Second Kings. Today, I want to talk about Elisha and the power of being able to "see" with the eyes of faith.

Do You "See" What Others Don't See?

In 2 Kings Chapter 6, Israel is at war with Syria, and the king of Syria is angry because his military plans are being thwarted by Israel—he believes someone in his own camp is leaking information to the Israeli army. The king is right. Who is the leak? GOD. Elisha is in tune with the Lord, and the Lord is revealing the plans of the enemy at every turn. Elisha has a different perspective than anyone around him—he not only has faith but visions of the supernatural. In other words, spiritually and sometimes even physically, Elisha can *see* what others don't see.

One day, the king of Syria decides that he's going after Elisha. He sends a strong fighting force of soldiers on horses and chariots in the middle of the night to surround the city of Dothan where he believes Elisha is camped. When Elisha's servant sees the situation, he begins to panic and cries out, "*Alas, my master! What shall we do?*" (2 Kings 6:15 NKJV).

How does Elisha respond? Does he panic at the impossible-to-the-naked-eye situation his servant sees in the natural? No. Elisha tells him, "***Do not fear***" and gives a more accurate and supernatural assessment of the situation when he reveals, "***for those who are with us are more than those who are with them***"

(vs. 16). You see, Elisha can "see" what others can't see...whether he sees it with his natural eyes or not. He is a man of great faith.

Elisha never speaks as if he's trapped by the enemy because he knows he is NOT. He wants to convey that same message to the man alongside of him, and so the Word says, "*And Elisha prayed, and said, LORD, I pray, **open his eyes that he may see**. Then the LORD opened the eyes of the young man, and he saw. And behold, the mountain was **full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha***" (vs. 17).

Suddenly, the veil between the natural world and the spiritual world blurred into one thing—and both men saw what was REALLY going on all around them. This shifted the servant's perspective immediately. Fear was gone. What am I saying? I'm saying that faith sees the spiritual reality that others can't see. Even if we don't see the horses on the mountain or the chariots of fire, so to speak, like Elisha

and his servant did that day, we can KNOW through our faith in the Word that there is a very real supernatural element to being a child of God. We aren't blind to the truth.

Now, in this battle, the Word tells us that right after their eyes are opened, the next thing you know, God is answering even more of Elisha's faith-filled prayers—including blinding the eyes of the Syrians temporarily in order to deliver Elisha and the Israelis camped in Dothan. So, Elisha's faith and prayers opened his servant's natural eyes and blinded the enemy, too. And, a few verses down, we read how the king of Israel soon has the opportunity to kill those same Syrians—but instead of doing it, asks Elisha what to do. Elisha's perspective is an odd one, and in the end, Israel decides to literally *feed* the opposing army instead of slaughtering them. Why? Supernatural perspective creates peace in the heart and also clears a path for peace in life.

All of this had such an effect on the Syrian king and his armies that they soon just gave up fighting Israel. You see, THAT'S the power of *seeing* what others can't see. THAT'S the result of *acting* in godly ways that defy natural thinking. Together, those things don't just *win* the battle for you, but they cut a path for your future good, too.

In other words, when you start seeing what others can't see, you start acting in ways others can't seem to act too—loving your enemies, praying for those who use you, blessing those who curse you...even being generous to those who want to make war with you. In other words, doing things that are so heavenly-minded that it totally blows others away. You see, sometimes it's the case that when a person sees the hand of God on your life to such a degree, they just flat leave you alone! They give up the fight—and, buddy, let me tell you, that can be a blessing unto itself!

It Takes Spiritual Eyes to See What God Is Going to Do In the Natural

Sometimes people around you can only see in the natural—but if you want great results to your prayers, you need to have great expectation in God's *power*, and that means you have to simply believe in what you cannot see. Remember that the things of God are not natural. Christianity isn't natural. It started with a miracle birth and ended with a miracle resurrection—our faith is not “natural” and God wants us to know it. He wants us to realize that the supernatural is just as “real” as the natural we see all around us. He has chosen to make earthly faith the currency and access-point to moving things in the spiritual realm.

The Word shows us over and over in the stories and teachings of Christ that there is a supernatural realm running parallel to our natural world—complete with angels we can't see and workings we don't realize. The spiritual force of horses and chariots of fire that Elisha and his servant suddenly saw in the sky were there BEFORE the veil was lifted, and they could see them with their natural eyes. In other words, God's power was there the whole time. Before they saw with natural eyes, Elisha saw with faith. God wants us to “see” with eyes of faith and KNOW that His power is with us. There are more with us than with them! So, we can have great expectation knowing that it's by faith that we get great results.

Elisha's servant could only see the *problem*, but as a man of faith, Elisha could see the *answer*. You see, the answer to a believer receiving great results to their prayers will always come out of the *spiritual*. Partner, GOD IS A SPIRIT. In order for our great expectation to produce great results, we must then see with the eyes of our spirit, too. That's how we get what we expect out of the realm of faith and into the natural world as believers—we use our great expectation in God's power to produce great results. That is how our faith works to deliver results, whether it's spiritual results, physical results, financial results, or any other kind of results we need God's help to get! That's how we get healed, spirit, soul, and body.

Whatever your issue, you need to look at it as an Elisha-style “there are more with us than with them” situation. For example, if the doctor tells you that you have cancer, you should speak to those rebellious cells and say, “Cancer, there are more with US than with you!” Now, who is the “us” you're talking about? It is you and God—which is what makes you more powerful than anything in the first place because you and God make a majority—but it also includes anybody else who is standing in faith alongside of you for the great results. That's your personal “us” and it's enough. You are enough!

Faith Is the Womb Where Revelation Takes Its First Breath

You see, faith TALKS the solution, not just the problem. And when you start thinking, believing, and speaking with a “there are more with us than with them” kind of faith, that's when your spiritual eyes are able to open up. Your faith is an energy that cracks through to the other side and results begin taking

place in the body. You see, great expectation comes before great results—so you must remember that the change you seek when you pray for something will always be born in faith first.

Faith is the womb where revelation takes its first breath. You have all the faith you need inside of you right now. In Romans 12:3, it tells us that “*God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith.*” It’s a built-in attribute given to every single person. We often just don’t have faith in the right things! We may have faith in all sorts of people, things, ideas, but until we have faith in the One Who gave us the ability to have faith, we will never get the results we’re desiring.

When we line up our faith with God’s power—not man’s power—then it’s easy to have great expectations. We know there is a supernatural element to the life we are living. We know God exists. We know His Word is true—and that means there is a host of angelic beings, both fallen and pure, in existence and operating all around us that we cannot see. It’s not imagination gone wild; it’s a world invisible to natural eyes but still in existence in the realm we Christians call the spirit realm. When we pray, we are pushing the energy of our belief and faith into that realm. We are activating the laws of God for our own behalf in the spirit realm.

If you are in an impossible situation like Elisha was, realize that panicking like his servant won’t do you any favors. Realizing and speaking “there are more with us than with them,” like Elisha, is what will help to solidify your faith in the reality of God’s supernatural power. Again, remember, He’s got a heavenly host in a realm you can’t see with natural eyes, but with the “eyes of faith” you can KNOW that God has your back. God is on your side if you are on the side of His Word.

Partner, the minute you start saying the answer, the answer starts destroying the problem. It’s just the devil’s tough luck He messed with you! God’s Word is coming to pass and your prayers are being answered according to the faith that works in *you*. When you start thinking and talking like that, your eyes are being opened and you are starting to really “see” with the eyes of faith. You aren’t asleep in your own belief anymore, but the faith of your spirit is rising up and propelling you in the truth that the whole spiritual realm recognizes.

Great expectation in God’s power is faith. When you start thinking it, believing it, and speaking it, you start feeling it, too! You begin to cut through the barriers of this natural world. You begin moving toward your answer, and your answer is moving toward you—anything in the path between you and what you desire starts breaking down in the spirit realm. The answer begins to render the problem irrelevant. What you want begins moving toward you. That is what faith does. Results follow those who believe. Faith makes you whole. Great expectation gets great results!

Great Expectation Is a Link in the Chain of God’s Design

Never give up until you get what you want. Remember last year’s theme, “Your Everything Is His Anything”? You can ask for what you want and see it happen, but you must believe the truth of the One God sent, Jesus Christ. Partner, this year’s theme, “Great Expectation Gets Great Results” could be called “part two” of last year’s theme, and I love it!

Great expectation is a link in the chain of God’s design. Everything in the Bible is linked together. Think about that for a minute! From our salvation to healing to prosperity, there is nothing from God that isn’t linked to His power to produce it—we are connected to God through the work of Jesus Christ, and by redemption we are able to connect to every promise in the Word of God.

All this year I am going to focus on the very real TRUTH that “there are more with us than with them,” and that’s why great expectation gets great results. That short verse spoken by Elisha in the heat of an impossible situation holds a foundational truth of Christianity—that God is a supernatural power Who can defy natural law, and that He has created another plane of existence that sits right alongside of us every day that we cannot see, but just as sure as we exist, it also exists.

Elisha prayed for his servant’s eyes to be opened, and God can do that. He is totally capable of blurring the line between what we *do* see and what we *don’t* see so that we can see both. And although we know this, we also know through His Word that it is BETTER in His mind that we *don’t* see and still believe and get results with pure faith in Him. God loves this kind of childlike faith.

So, remember that great expectation gets great results! Whatever battle is against you, “there are more with you than with them”—you’re winning because God and those who work for Him in the spirit are on your side. Whatever you desire that is good can come to you because “there are more with you than with them”—remember that Jesus said to ask anything in His name and His Father will give it to

you. That means it's coming! So, have strong faith in God and yourself. You are not an accident waiting to happen; you're a success waiting to be birthed. That's why I'm happy so much. The Word changes my perspective and clears the path for my success—my faith brings me what I need spiritually, physically, and financially.

Success is birthing in me even as I write this letter. And since you are connected to Cathy and me in partnership for the spreading of the Gospel, I believe that success is birthing in you, too. We are linked. We're in this together. And God is doing a glorious work as we continue to spread faith in His holy name!

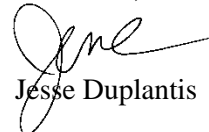
Remember that God has dealt the measure of faith to everyone, including you and me. No matter what happens today, tomorrow, or next year, you are a success going somewhere to succeed and it will ALL work out for your benefit if you keep the faith. How do I know that? Because "there are more with us than with them"—glory to God! He is real and the spirit world around us is real, and we access the power of God every time we stick to His Word and believe Him in faith.

Open your spiritual eyes—see with the eyes of faith that you can have whatsoever God says you can have. You can be whatsoever God has put on your heart to be. You can do whatsoever He has given you the burning passion to do. Go ahead and pray right now like Elisha prayed to open his servant's eyes. Let God fill your heart with the boldness to walk through your own life knowing that He has got your back! He's on your side. There is no weapon formed against you that will prosper when you know that "there are more with us than with them."

You are a winner going somewhere to win, a receiver going somewhere to receive, and so much more. Partner, welcome to the year of "Great Expectation Gets Great Results." God loves you, He sent His Son to redeem you, and you have access to every promise in the Word because of the blood of Jesus. So don't shrink back. You deserve what you're believing for—Jesus paid the price so you could have it and do it. Know that today! As you sow your seed, tell that seed to produce—to multiply and bring back the harvest to you. You are DESTINED to produce a harvest off of every seed you sow with your faith, so use the measure of faith you've been given.

Happy days are here, Partner! Thank you for supporting this ministry with your financial seed each month. I hope Cathy and I say thank you enough. You are precious to us. Well, I've got to go and get more people saved—people need to know that Jesus is Lord, faith in God works, and the spiritual world is real and all around us every day. There are more with us than with them! Get that into your heart and mind today. Until next month, remember, *Great Expectation Gets Great Results!*

Love You,



Jesse Duplantis

P.S. I'm so excited about the theme the Lord has given us this year! That's why I know you'll want to get my gift message, ***Great Expectation Produces Great Faith and Great Results***, on DVD, CD, or both formats in appreciation for your January Partnership of \$50 or more. And for your January Partnership of any amount, you can request this message on CD (see the enclosure or go to JDM.org for details). I believe it will encourage you and stir your faith to expect results...not just some of the time, but all of the time!



GREAT **EXPECTATION** 2 KINGS 6:16-17 **GETS GREAT RESULTS**

*“...for those who are with us are more
than those who are with them”
(2 Kings 6:16 NKJV)*

January 2020
Partner Letter Bible Study
Devotional Outlines

Great Expectation Gets Great Results!

1st Week January 2020 JDMCC Advance Group

Bible Study Devotional Outline

Open Devotional Time in Prayer (led by Group Leader or someone they choose)

***Instruct the group to turn to 2 Kings 6:8-14 New King James Version.**

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Our new theme this year is “Great Expectation Gets Great Results.”

- You can call 2020 “The Year of Great Expectation.”

Now, notice that word *expectation*.

- When people are expecting, they are actually in the process of getting something.
- And that something is results!

Most people like results that you can see in your own life.

- But your eyes must be *open* to see your results before they show up.
- That is having faith in both God and in yourself.

Today, we are going to study about the power of being able to “see” with the eyes of faith.

***Invite someone in the group to read 2 Kings 6:8-14 New King James Version.**

In the passage we just read in 2 Kings, Chapter 6, Israel is at war with Syria.

- The king of Syria is angry because his military plans are being thwarted by Israel.
- He believes someone in his own camp is leaking information to the Israeli army.
- The king is right.

Elisha is in tune with the Lord.

- The Lord is revealing the plans of the enemy to Elisha at every turn.

***Group Discussion: *Who is the Leak? (God) Do you know another bible example of God protecting His people by revealing a plan of the enemy? Do you have a personal example?**

One day, the king of Syria decided to go after Elisha.

- He sends a strong fighting force of soldiers on horses and chariots in the middle of the night to surround the city of Dothan where he believes Elisha is camped.

Elisha has a different perspective than anyone around him.

- He not only has faith, he also visions of the supernatural.
- Spiritually and sometimes even physically, Elisha can *see* what others don’t see.

***Invite someone in the group to read 2 Kings 6:15-16 New King James Version.**

When Elisha’s servant sees the situation, he begins to panic.

- The servant cried out, “*Alas, my master! What shall we do?*”

How does Elisha respond?

- Does he panic at the impossible-to-the-naked-eye situation his servant sees in the natural?
- Elisha told his servant, “*Do not fear...*” and gave an accurate and supernatural assessment of the situation.
- He reveals, “*...for those who are with us are more than those who are with them.*”

***Group Discussion: *Do you “see” what others don’t see? How should you respond when things look impossible in the natural?**

Elisha could “see” what others can’t see...whether he sees it with his natural eyes or not.

- He is a man of great faith.
- Elisha never speaks as if he’s trapped by the enemy because he knows he is NOT.
- He wants to convey that same message to the man alongside of him.

Invite someone in the group to read the next verse: 2 Kings 6:17 (NKJV).

- “*And Elisha prayed, and said, LORD, I pray, **open his eyes that he may see.** Then the LORD opened the eyes of the young man, and he saw. And behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha.*”

Suddenly, the veil between the natural and the spiritual world blurred into one thing.

- Both men saw what was REALLY going on all around them.
- This shifted the servant’s perspective immediately and fear was gone.

***Group Discussion: Why? How does this story affect your life today?**

Faith sees the spiritual reality that others can’t see.

- Even if we don’t see the horses on the mountain or the chariots of fire, like Elisha and his servant did that day, we can KNOW through our faith in the Word that there is a very real supernatural element to being a child of God.
- We aren’t blind to the truth.

Now Elisha and his servant were still in the midst of this battle, but after Elisha’s prayer, the Word tells us that the young man’s eyes were opened.

- He saw what Elisha had been seeing all along.

Invite someone in the group to read the next verses: 2 Kings 6:18-23 NKJV.

God answered even more of Elisha’s faith-filled prayers.

- Including blinding the eyes of the Syrians to deliver Elisha and the Israelis.
- Elisha’s faith and prayers opened his servant’s natural eyes and blinded the enemy, too.
- The king of Israel had the opportunity to kill those same Syrians—but instead of doing it, he asks Elisha what to do.
- Elisha’s perspective is an odd one, and told the king of Israel to *feed* the opposing army.

***Group Discussion: Why? Has a supernatural experience changed your perspective?**

Supernatural perspective creates peace in the heart and also clears a path for peace in life.

- This had such an effect on the Syrian king and his armies that they gave up fighting.
- You see, THAT’S the power of *seeing* what others can’t see.
- THAT’S the result of *acting* in godly ways that defy natural thinking.

Together, those things don’t just *win* the battle for you, they cut a path for your future.

- When you start seeing what others can’t see, you start acting in ways others can’t.
- You can love your enemies, pray for those who use you, bless those who curse you, and even be generous to those who want to make war with you.

You can do things that are so heavenly-minded that it totally blows others away.

- The hand of God can be on your life to such a degree, that others just leave you alone!
- The enemy will give up the fight—and, that can be a blessing unto itself!

Repeat 3 Affirmations this week:

1. I see what others don’t see—I look at circumstances with the eyes of faith knowing that there is a supernatural realm that is just as REAL as what I see in the natural world.
2. I’m not blind to the TRUTH—Christianity began with a supernatural birth and was finished with a supernatural resurrection. I have a supernatural perspective.
3. Like Elisha, I know I’m not alone or trapped by the enemy, no matter what it looks like. I don’t fear. Armies in the spirit are on my side! There are MORE with “us” than with “them.”

Close in Prayer

Great Expectation Gets Great Results!

2nd Week January 2020 Advance Group
Bible Study Devotional Outline

Open Devotional Time in Prayer (led by Group Leader or someone they choose).

***Instruct the group to turn to 2 Kings 6:16-17 New King James Version.**

Last week we introduced our theme for this year: “Great Expectation Gets Great Results.”

- *Expectation* is the process to get results that you can see in your own life.
- But your eyes must be *open* to see your results before they show up.

This week, we will continue our study about Elisha and the power of being able to “see” with the eyes of faith.

***Invite someone in the group to read 2 Kings 6:16-17 (NKJV).**

*“And he answered, Fear not: **for they that be with us are more than they that be with them.** And Elisha prayed, and said, Lord, I pray thee, **open his eyes, that he may see.** And the Lord opened the eyes of the young man; and he saw: and, behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha.”*

It Takes Spiritual Eyes to See What God Is Going to Do in the Natural

- Sometimes people around you can only see in the natural.
- If you want great results to your prayers, you need great expectation in God’s *power*.
- That means you have to simply believe in what you cannot see.

***Group Discussion: What natural things do you simply believe, even though you can not “see” them? (gravity, the air you breathe, how a seed planted in the earth becomes a tree).**

Remember that the things of God are not natural.

- Christianity isn’t natural.
- It started with a miracle birth and ended with a miracle resurrection.
- Our faith is not “natural”
- God wants us to know that the supernatural is just as “real” as the natural.
- He has chosen to make earthly faith the currency and access-point to moving things in the spiritual realm.

***Instruct the group to turn to Matthew 26:50-54.**

The Word shows us over and over in the stories and teachings of Christ that there is a supernatural realm running parallel to our natural world—complete with angels we can’t see and workings we don’t realize.

- The spiritual force of horses and chariots of fire that Elisha and his servant suddenly saw in the sky were there BEFORE the veil was lifted, and they could see them with their natural eyes.
- In other words, God’s power was there the whole time.
- Before they saw with natural eyes, Elisha saw with faith.

***Invite someone in the group to read Matthew 26:50-54 (KJV).**

“And Jesus said unto him, Friend, wherefore art thou come? Then came they, and laid hands on Jesus, and took him. And, behold, one of them which were with Jesus stretched out his hand, and drew his sword, and struck a servant of the high priest’s, and smote off his ear. Then said Jesus unto him, Put up again thy sword into his place: for all they that take the sword shall perish with the sword. Thinkest thou that I cannot now pray to my Father, and he shall presently give me

more than twelve legions of angels? But how then shall the scriptures be fulfilled, that thus it must be?"

God wants us to “see” with eyes of faith and KNOW that His power is with us.

- There are more with us than with them!
- We can have great expectation knowing that it's by faith that we get great results.

***Group Discussion: How can you “see” by faith? What results are you expecting in 2020?**

Elisha's servant could only see the *problem*, but Elisha, a man of faith, could see the *answer*.

- The answer to a believer receiving great results will always come out of the *spiritual*.
- GOD IS A SPIRIT.
- Our great expectation gets great results when we see with the eyes of our spirit.
- That's how we get what we expect out of the realm of faith and into the natural world.

***Instruct the group to turn to Philippians 1:19-21.**

We use our great expectation in God's power to produce great results.

- That is how our faith works to deliver results, whether it's spiritual results, physical results, financial results, or any other kind of results we need God's help to get!
- That's how we get healed, spirit, soul, and body.

***Invite someone in the group to read Philippians 1:19-21.**

*“For I know that this shall turn to my salvation through your prayer, and the supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ, According to my **earnest expectation** and my hope, that in nothing I shall be ashamed, but that with all boldness, as always, so now also Christ shall be magnified in my body, whether it be by life, or by death. For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.”*

Let's look at the definition of EXPECTATION (Vines Dictionary):

- to take or receive from, it suggests a reaching out in readiness to receive something;
- a watching with outstretched head (signifies “strained expectancy, eager longing.”)
- stretching forth of the head indicating an expectation of something from a certain place;
- suggests abstraction from anything else that might engage the attention, and absorption in the object expected “till the fulfillment is realized.”

Whatever your issue, you need to look at it as an Elisha-style “there are more with us than with them” situation.

- For example, if the doctor tells you that you have cancer, you should speak to those rebellious cells and say, “Cancer, there are more with US than with you!”

Now, who is the “us” you're talking about?

- It is you and God—which is what makes you more powerful than anything.
- Because you and God make a majority.
- It also includes anybody who is standing in faith alongside of you for the great results.

That's your personal “us” and it's enough. You are enough!

Repeat 2 Affirmations this week:

- Some only see the *problem*, but I see the *answer*—God is with me, I'm never alone, and all my godly successes in life are coming out of the spirit first. God is a SPIRIT!
- With GOD, I'm in the majority. I understand the reality of His supernatural power and know that I *can* and *will* win any battle—spirit, soul, or body. I've got spiritual back-up!

Close in Prayer

Great Expectation Gets Great Results!

3rd Week January 2020 Advance Group
Bible Study Devotional Outline

Open Devotional Time in Prayer (led by Group Leader or someone they choose).

***Instruct the group to turn to 2 Kings 6:16 New King James Version.**

Our theme this year is “Great Expectation Gets Great Results.”

- This month we have been studying about Elisha and the power of being able to “see” with the eyes of faith.
- If you have missed the last two weeks, you should read 2 Kings 6:8-23 to catch up.

***Invite someone in the group to read 2 Kings 6:16 (NKJV).**

*“And he answered, Fear not: **for they that be with us are more than they that be with them.**”*

We learned last week that we use our great expectation in God’s power to produce great results.

- That is how our faith works to deliver results, whether it’s spiritual results, physical results, financial results, or any other kind of results we need God’s help to get!
- That’s how we get healed, spirit, soul, and body.

***Group Discussion: In what way has this study inspired you to have great expectations?**

This week, we will focus on faith and how it gets results.

***Instruct the group to turn to Romans 12:3 (KJV).**

Faith Is the Womb Where Revelation Takes Its First Breath.

- You see, faith TALKS the solution, not just the problem.
- And when you start thinking, believing, and speaking with a “there are more with us than with them” kind of faith, that’s when your spiritual eyes are able to open up.

Your faith is an energy that cracks through to the other side and results begin taking place in the body.

- You see, great expectation comes before great results.
- You must remember that the change you seek when you pray for something will always be born in faith first.

***Invite someone in the group to read Romans 12:3 (KJV).** *“For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith.”*

You have all the faith you need inside of you right now.

- It’s a built-in attribute given to every single person.

We often just don’t have faith in the right things!

- We may have faith in all sorts of people, things, ideas, but until we have faith in the One Who gave us the ability to have faith, we will never get the results we’re desiring.

When we line up our faith with God’s power—not man’s power—then it’s easy to have great expectations.

- We know there is a supernatural element to the life we are living.
- We know God exists.
- We know His Word is true—and that means there is a host of angelic beings, both fallen and pure, in existence and operating all around us that we cannot see.

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When we pray, we are pushing the energy of our belief and faith into that realm.

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***Instruct the group to turn to Hebrews 11:1-2 (AMPC).**

If you are in an impossible situation like Elisha was, realize that panicking like his servant won't do you any favors.

- Realizing and speaking "there are more with us than with them," like Elisha, is what will help to solidify your faith in the reality of God's supernatural power.
- Again, remember, He's got a heavenly host in a realm you can't see with natural eyes, but with the "eyes of faith" you can KNOW that God has your back.

***Invite someone in the group to read Hebrews 11:1-2 (AMPC).**

"NOW FAITH is the assurance (the confirmation, the title deed) of the things [we] hope for, being the proof of things [we] do not see and the conviction of their reality [faith perceiving as real fact what is not revealed to the senses]. For by [faith—trust and holy fervor born of faith] the men of old had divine testimony borne to them and obtained a good report."

God is on your side if you are on the side of His Word.

- The minute you start saying the answer, the answer starts destroying the problem.
- It's just the devil's tough luck He messed with you!
- God's Word is coming to pass and your prayers are being answered according to the faith that works in *you*.

When you start thinking and talking like that, your eyes are being opened and you are starting to really "see" with the eyes of faith.

- You aren't asleep in your own belief anymore, but the faith of your spirit is rising up and propelling you in the truth that the whole spiritual realm recognizes.

***Group Discussion: How does this truth about faith change your thinking?**

Great expectation in God's power is faith.

- When you start thinking it, believing it, and speaking it, you start feeling it, too!
- You begin to cut through the barriers of this natural world.
- You begin moving toward your answer, and your answer is moving toward you.

Anything in the path between you and what you desire starts breaking down in the spirit realm.

- The answer begins to render the problem irrelevant.
- What you want begins moving toward you.

That is what faith does.

- Results follow those who believe.
- Faith makes you whole.

Great expectation gets great results!

Repeat 2 Affirmations this week:

- No weapon formed against me will prosper—God is on my side if I'm on the side of His WORD, and I am! God's power can defy natural law, so my prayers are prayers of faith!
- God's Word changes my PERSPECTIVE in every way, and my faith in Him clears the path for all my successes—I expect that God's Word will always come to pass in my life.

Close in Prayer

Great Expectation Gets Great Results!

4th Week January 2020 Advance Group
Bible Study Devotional Outline

Open Devotional Time in Prayer (led by Group Leader or someone they choose).

***Instruct the group to turn to 2 Kings 6:16-17 New King James Version.**

This year's theme, "Great Expectation Gets Great Results" could be called "part two" of last year's theme.

- Remember, last year's theme was, "Your Everything Is His Anything!"

Never give up until you get what you want.

- You can ask for what you want and see it happen, but you must believe the truth of the One God sent, Jesus Christ.

Great expectation is a link in the chain of God's design.

- Everything in the Bible is linked together.
- From our salvation to healing to prosperity, there is nothing from God that isn't linked to His power to produce it.
- We are connected to God through the work of Jesus Christ.
- By redemption we are able to connect to every promise in the Word of God.

All month, we have been studying about Elisha and the power of being able to "see" with the eyes of faith. Let's review our foundation scriptures for January:

***Invite someone in the group to read 2 Kings 6:16-17 (NKJV).**

"And he answered, Fear not: for they that be with us are more than they that be with them. And Elisha prayed, and said, Lord, I pray thee, open his eyes, that he may see. And the Lord opened the eyes of the young man; and he saw: and, behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha."

All this year we will focus on the very real TRUTH that "there are more with us than with them," and that's why great expectation gets great results.

- That short verse spoken by Elisha in the heat of an impossible situation holds a foundational truth of Christianity.
 - God is a supernatural power Who can defy natural law.
 - He has created another plane of existence that sits right alongside of us every day that we cannot see, but just as sure as we exist, it also exists.

***Group Discussion: How should a person react in the heat of an impossible situation?**

Elisha prayed for his servant's eyes to be opened, and God can do that.

- He is totally capable of blurring the line between what we *do* see and what we *don't* see so that we can see both.

***Instruct the group to turn to John 20:29.**

And although we know that God can open our eyes, we also know that it is BETTER that we *don't* see and still believe and get results with pure faith in Him.

***Invite someone in the group to read John 20:29 (KJ V).**

"Jesus saith unto him, Thomas, because thou hast seen Me, thou hast believed: blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed."

- God loves this kind of childlike faith.

So, remember that great expectation gets great results!

- Whatever battle is against you, “there are more with you than with them.”
- You’re winning because God and those who work for Him in the spirit are on your side.
- Whatever you desire that is good can come to you because “there are more with you than with them.”

Remember that Jesus said to ask anything in His name and His Father will give it to you.

- That means it’s coming!
- So, have strong faith in God and yourself.

You are not an accident waiting to happen; you’re a success waiting to be birthed.

- The Word changes your perspective and clears the path for your success.
- Your faith brings you what you need spiritually, physically, and financially.
- Success is birthing in you even as you hear this teaching.

No matter what happens today, tomorrow, or next year, you are a success going somewhere to succeed and it will ALL work out for your benefit if you keep the faith.

- He is real and the spirit world around us is real, and we access the power of God every time we stick to His Word and believe Him in faith.

Open your spiritual eyes—see with the eyes of faith that you can have whatsoever God says you can have.

- You can be whatsoever God has put on your heart to be.
- You can do whatsoever He has given you the burning passion to do.
- Go ahead and pray right now like Elisha prayed to open his servant’s eyes.

Let God fill your heart with the boldness to walk through your own life knowing that He has got your back and He’s on your side!

- There is no weapon formed against you that will prosper when you know that “there are more with us than with them.”
- You are a winner going somewhere to win, a receiver going somewhere to receive, and so much more.

***Group Discussion: What do you see now that you did not see before this study?**

God loves you, He sent His Son to redeem you, and you have access to every promise in the Word because of the blood of Jesus. So don’t shrink back.

- You deserve what you’re believing for.
- Jesus paid the price so you could have it and do it.

There are more with us than with them!

- Get that into your heart and mind today.

Remember, *Great Expectation Gets Great Results!*

Repeat 3 Affirmations this week:

1. I live by faith, act in love, and do what others won’t—and God uses my spirit-led ACTIONS to turn bad situations around. He makes even my enemies to be at peace with me!
2. All my good “results” are born in FAITH. Spirit, soul, and body, I ask Jesus for what I need and desire, like John 14:13-14 says, and get results—“His Everything Is My Anything!”
3. My faith is lined up with God’s supernatural power, not man’s natural power, and that’s why it’s easy for me to have faith—I know that “Great Expectation Gets Great Results!”

Close in Prayer