



February 2020

Dear Partner,

I'm so excited about our theme this year, "**Great Expectation Gets Great Results.**" I really love to say it! Doesn't it sound good to you? It sounds so good to me! I'm excited about the revelation God is giving me around this theme. Any time that you are sincerely expecting, results will follow because true expectation is a powerful force of faith, which is what I want to talk about today.

Let's get right into the teaching, Partner! Mark Chapter 9 is a wild chapter. If you read it (and I suggest you do), you'll get a sense of just how blown away the disciples were as they experienced the supernatural events of Jesus' ministry. Today, I'd like you to put yourself in that chapter.

Imagine that *you* were there with the disciples that day on the mountain. If you were, you would have seen Jesus transfigured into white blinding light right in front of your eyes. Along with the disciples, you would have seen Jesus talking to *Moses* and *Elijah* who suddenly appeared with them there, too. You would have had the amazing experience of hearing the audible voice of God billowing from the sky saying, "***This is My beloved Son, hear Him.***" Can you imagine that? It seems impossible, and yet Christianity is marked by God making the impossible things possible. Let's talk about that now. Oh, Partner, I hope you enjoy this teaching today!

Will You Choose to "Hear Him" and BELIEVE?

Great Expectation Gets Great Results

The disciples were so flabbergasted by the supernatural events on the mountain that they started talking about building temples, which I guess was the best thing they could think to do in the moment. It's not every day that you see a transfiguration, see people appear out of nothing, or hear God's voice coming straight out of the sky. Yet Jesus wasn't interested in their temple idea. He was interested in going back to work so that He could start teaching God's truth—truth that Jesus knew if we heeded would produce RESULTS.

God has omnipotent power—it's time for us to start seeing Him as Jesus wanted us to see Him. He is not only our Creator but also our Provider, Healer, Ever-Present-Help, All-Sufficient and All-Bountiful Supplier, and Shepherd in this life. Jesus came that we might know the Father in a greater way, and His disciples were growing in the knowledge of God as they learned from Christ. They weren't just seeing the supernatural, but they were hearing revolutionary truths...just as we do when we read the words of Christ. So, again, picture yourself in the story of Mark 9.

The disciples were already down the mountain when they saw crowds of believers and non-believers looking for Jesus. They began to reach out to help those who had come, including one father who'd brought his demon-possessed son. They tried to cast the devil out of the boy, but the demon would not go. Not only were they surrounded by crowds who wanted Jesus' help, but they were also being watched by detractors of Christ. The scribes and Pharisees had shown up to question Jesus and to try to dishonor Him. Have people ever done that to you? Just know that when we stand for truth, when we believe what others

won't, and when results follow our faith, we get a mixed bag of people coming our way. This is the situation Jesus walks into right after being in the presence of God.

In Mark 9:14-29, we find out that the father's boy isn't sick but is being controlled by a strong demon. He can't hear anything. He can't speak. And he is so violent that the father tells Jesus that he's been throwing himself into the fire, into the water, and trying regularly to destroy his own body. The father is distraught as he tells Jesus that his son foams at the mouth, tears at his own flesh, and falls to the ground in convulsions at whim. Now, Jesus knows the difference between bodily sickness and demon-possession. He has no problem telling the difference because He's close to God and is discerning of spirits. In the Bible, He doesn't always cast out devils when people are sick. No, Jesus sees the root cause of people's problems, and in this case, every physical problem in this boy's life was a result of possession.

Now, Jesus is irritated that His disciples couldn't help the boy—He's been teaching these guys, praying with them, showing them how to act, and they've just seen and heard the miraculous on that mountain, too. Jesus gets point-blank-blunt! He doesn't just rebuke the disciples but the whole "faithless generation" He's dealing with who just can't seem to believe God for real results. In fact, Jesus actually says it is "suffering" on His part to have to endure such unbelief! These are "God's people," and they've seen His mighty hand at work on their behalf. Exasperated, Jesus tells them to bring the boy to Him. The moment they do, that demon starts manifesting.

You see, demons can't help but act out in the presence of Jesus. But, if you read, you'll see that Jesus isn't fazed by the theatrics of a demon. You'll also notice that the boy's father isn't offended by being called part of a faithless generation. Both just want one thing: RESULTS! You see, Jesus knows He's got what it takes to drive out that ridiculous demon, and the father is way beyond being easily offended at this point in his parenthood. He just wants what Jesus wants—to see his son's life turned around. He gets right to the point when he tells Jesus, "*if thou canst do anything, have compassion on us, and help us*" (vs. 22). And Jesus *does* have compassion and *does* help—but not just by casting out the demon but by teaching ALL of us a spiritual truth that has the power to change all of our lives for the better.

Jesus looked at that man and said these revolutionary words: "***If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth***" (vs. 23). The great power of belief and its effect on the natural world is what I want you to get from this letter today—because when you start *expecting* that your faith is going to produce change, you are going to see *results* start coming to pass in your life.

What Is Possible for You When You BELIEVE?

Great Expectation Gets Great Results

Notice that Jesus wasn't trying to impress the people watching. Jesus didn't just touch the boy, fix him, and look around for praise. No, He wanted to give the people, including us, a recipe for results that we could do on our own to bring about what we desire from God. So, He told us the truth about belief's power in our lives. "*If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth*" was a statement meant to raise expectations in order to get results. What Jesus was doing was elevating the father's mindset. You see, in order to receive something "impossible," we have to EXPECT that "all things are possible" through the power of belief—it's as much a message for living well for us today as it was for this father and son way back then.

No matter how dire a situation, no matter what it is you want from God, great results can happen if you *believe* that they can happen—this is what Jesus was saying. When you really believe something, it's not a wish. It's a knowing and a secure fact in your mind that results are coming to pass because you are living out the principle of belief given by Jesus. This is faith, and it is exactly what Jesus chose to teach *before* He demonstrated how it worked. Jesus cast the devil out of the boy and set him free in front of everyone.

So, what is possible in *your* life? Let me tell you what Jesus said again: ALL things are possible for you. What do you have to do to get great results? You must have great expectation that what you *believe* will bring about results. "*If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth*" is my main point today, and I want you not to take it for granted because maybe you've heard it before. Let the simplicity of this revolutionary statement from Jesus Christ sink deep into your mind. It has the power to set you free because you will start to see that it gives you back your power—because our belief is tied to the spirit realm and changes things if we use its power.

Can You Change Even “Impossible” Situations if You BELIEVE?

Great Expectation Gets Great Results

Belief is the answer to changing difficult and even “impossible” situations. You see, Jesus was close to the Father. He regularly prayed and also fasted—it was how He drew closer to His Father and “powered-up,” so to speak. Remember that Jesus dealt with all sorts of human situations just like we do. He is touched and moved with compassion for humanity because He knows what it means to be human! That day with the demon-possessed boy, Jesus demonstrated His belief that with God all things are possible and that He had the power of God *within Him* to cast out even the most rebellious of demons. Some issues are so deep that we need a stronger belief in order to tackle them.

This is why when the disciples asked Jesus why they couldn’t cast the demon out, He told them that some would only come out “by prayer and fasting.” Prayer and fasting changes US. They aren’t some kind of magic that makes God move—God is moved according to our faith. Prayer and fasting have the potential of drawing us closer to God. They lessen OUR attention on the natural senses and increase OUR reliance and closeness to the Holy Spirit, and it is He Who helps to reveal God’s Word to us in a greater way. That elevates our MIND. It brings us to greater levels of spiritual BELIEF, which then helps us get results in difficult situations.

That demon that had gotten so comfortable destroying that boy’s life had to listen to Jesus because demons respond to pure faith in God, whether they want to or not! The disciples simply had to grow in their own belief to get results. So, Jesus told them how to do it: Use prayer and fasting. Partner, we can shrink the distance in our own minds, too, between what we may *currently believe* is possible and what Jesus says is *actually possible*—ALL things—through prayer and fasting. This will up our belief and help us get greater results. Remember, “Great Expectation Gets Great Results.” So, what *are* you expecting?

Do You Think That UNBELIEF Can Fit into God’s Promises?

Great Expectation Gets Great Results

Partner, this year is a great year to start raising your expectations. What do you want? What do you desire to happen? I like to say that we who *believe* take hold of the truths given to us by Jesus Christ. It is like flowing in His knowledge of what works by using the omnipotent power of God to produce results. Partner, people don’t see faith, but they do see the results of faith. Every person who saw that boy delivered by Christ that day also heard the teaching of how Christ did it. Hebrews 11:1 says, “*Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.*” It’s the *unseen* belief that makes the things you’re believing for come into the natural realm where you and everyone else can see them. Belief is powerful! Every person who uses their faith will increase their power and acquire more results in life—because it’s a divinely given principle.

We must learn how to use our faith and express it better. And we do that by trusting that Jesus told us the truth, by deciding to simply believe that all things are possible through faith, and that “Great Expectation Gets Great Results.” Your faith must be confined to Christ’s promise—you must realize that all the promises of God are true, and that Jesus is a Shepherd to His Church. He is our ultimate Guide. Like God, He has bound Himself to His Word. He came that we might know the Father. He came to give us life and show us how to live it more abundantly. He came to set us free by His shed blood and by the Word He gave us that tells us how best to get good results in this life. His Word came to us in seed form...it is up to us to plant it into our heart and allow it to grow into something we don’t just repeat, but believe and act on in daily life.

All great expectation begins with a seed. Our thoughts and beliefs come in seed form, and we choose whether or not to meditate on them and allow them to grow. We can abort the truth or nourish it, protect it, and love it as part of who we are as God’s children. The reason why a woman is expecting is because she has received seed—and from that seed, results will follow. Partner, Jesus didn’t lie, and the Gospels reveal great truths if we will listen. God sent Jesus in order that He might covenant Himself to us. It’s His will that we link up with Him so that we can live better lives spiritually, physically, and I believe financially, too—there is no area that is impossible for God to make better if we will listen to His Word.

God has bound Himself to His Word. Jesus has bound Himself to His teachings. And all the promises of God are “yea” and “amen” (2 Corinthians 1:20). God’s words are promises to all of us who believe. God doesn’t *ask* us to have faith if we want results; He *demand*s faith to see results. It’s a prerequisite of

results. By demanding it, He shows us that it's the only way results will happen His way. You see, unbelief just doesn't fit into the promises of God—nothing we get from God comes from faithlessness. This is why we can't beg our way into results. We can't plead our way into results. We must *believe* our way into results! That's why Jesus said, "*If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth.*"

Can You Cast Down Doubt, Call on Jesus, and Simply BELIEVE? **Great Expectation Gets Great Results**

It is the willing and obedient life that creates and nurtures the atmosphere for great expectations and great results. God loves you, and every principle taught in the Word is for your benefit so that you might have great results. Isaiah 1:19 says, "*If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land.*" Now, that's a great scripture! Let me simplify it even further—if thou canst believe, you get to *eat* the results! You get to experience what is good. So, can you believe? YES, you can!

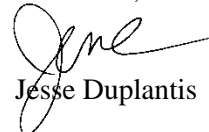
Partner, you aren't an accident waiting to happen; you are a success waiting to be birthed...and belief is going to be the way you access your own personal success. Decide now, no matter how this year started, that you **WILL** have a great year—expect, believe, and know that your results are coming. Glory!

As I begin closing this letter, I want to encourage you never to lose your simplicity of faith and purpose. Always have "singleness-of-eye," so to speak, as you expect results. Don't complicate it with overthinking. Decide that no matter what doubtful thought comes up, you will cast it down in favor of belief—because belief is not just what you do but part of who you are. You can do this!

Don't let unbelief mingle with your faith—don't allow them to co-exist in your heart. Mingling them together in your heart will just create an inner war you don't need to fight. Call on Jesus for help, just like that demon-possessed boy's father did in Mark 9:24. He actually said, "Lord, help my unbelief!" and Jesus did just that. Partner, God will always meet you where you are. He's not looking to condemn you but to help you—to elevate your mindset, to increase your expectation, and to stimulate you to believe that **ALL** things are possible for you. Christ will help you if you open up to Him with sincerity. So, let your great expectation rise today knowing that great results will follow!

Partner, thank you for your faithful financial support of this ministry. Your support is a building block of this ministry's work. So many are being saved and changed by God because of your support. I wish Cathy and I could come to your house and say "thank you" in person. Maybe one day we will get to do that in Heaven. I believe Jesus is coming sooner than most people think. So, get ready! As you sow your seed today, whether it is great or small in your eyes, realize that it is so valuable to the kingdom of God. Believe for the 100-fold. Why? Because that's a great expectation founded on the words of Jesus, too—and as He said, "*If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth.*" God bless you, Partner!

Love You,



Jesse Duplantis

P.S. In keeping with this year's theme, I'm excited to share this message with you, ***Building Mental Maps on the Road to Divine Destiny***, in appreciation for your February Partnership of \$50 or more (on DVD, CD, or both formats). It's a powerful, faith-building and vision-igniting message you don't want to miss. And for your February Partnership of any amount, you can request this message on CD (see the enclosure or go to JDM.org for details). I know you'll be blessed by it! Thanks, Partner, for all you do. Cathy and I love you!



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

***BELIEVE!* ALL THINGS Are POSSIBLE!**

Mark 9:23

February 2020

**Partner Letter Bible Study
Devotional Outlines**

BELIEVE! ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE!

Great EXPECTation Gets Great RESULTS!

1st Week February 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 Mark 9:1 (KJV).**

Our theme this year is: “Great EXPECTation Gets Great RESULTS.”

- Any time that you are sincerely **expecting**, results will follow.
- True expectation is a powerful force of faith.

All this month, our Advance Group will see how we can: “Believe! All things are Possible!”

***Invite someone in the group to read Mark Chapter 9:1-7 (KJV).**

Today, I’d like for you to put yourself in this chapter.

- Imagine that you were there with the disciples that day on the mountain.
- You would have seen Jesus transfigured into white blinding light in front of your eyes.
- You would have seen Jesus talking to Moses and Elijah who suddenly appeared there.

You would have had the amazing experience of hearing the audible voice of God billowing from the sky, saying: “This is My beloved Son, hear Him.”

- It seems impossible, and yet Christianity is marked by God making the impossible things possible.
- It’s not every day that you see a transfiguration, see people appear out of nothing, or hear God’s voice coming straight out of the sky.

Today you have the same choice as the disciples to “Hear Him” and “BELIEVE!”

- The disciples were so flabbergasted by the supernatural events on the mountain that they started talking about building temples.
- Jesus wasn’t interested in their temple idea.
- He was interested in going back to work so that He could start teaching God’s truth.

Truth that Jesus knew, if we heeded, would produce GREAT RESULTS.

- God has omnipotent power and it’s time for us to see God as Jesus wanted us to see Him.
- He is not only our Creator but also our Provider, Healer, Ever-Present-Help, All-Sufficient and All-Bountiful Supplier, and Shepherd in this life.

***Group Discussion: Who is God to you? Do you know an example or a time when you believed God would come through as your Provider, Healer, or Shepherd?**

Jesus came that we might know the Father in a greater way.

- His disciples were growing in the knowledge of God as they learned from Christ.
- They weren’t just seeing the supernatural, they were hearing revolutionary truths.
- We will experience the same great results when we read the words of Christ.
- When we believe, all things are possible!

The disciples were already down the mountain when they saw crowds of believers and non-believers looking for Jesus.

- They began to reach out to help those who had come, including one father who’d brought his demon-possessed son.
- They tried to cast the devil out of the boy, but the demon would not go.

Not only were they surrounded by crowds who wanted Jesus' help, but they were also being watched by detractors of Christ.

- The scribes and Pharisees had shown up to question Jesus and to try to dishonor Him.

***Group Discussion: Have people ever done that to you?**

- Just know that when we stand for truth, when we believe what others won't, and when results follow our faith, we get a mixed bag of people coming our way.

This is the situation Jesus walks into right after being transfigured in the presence of God.

***Invite someone in the group to read Mark 9:16-19 (KJV).**

In these verses, we find out that the father's boy isn't sick.

- He is being controlled by a strong demon.
- He can't hear anything, he can't speak.

Jesus knows the difference between bodily sickness and demon-possession.

- Jesus is irritated that His disciples couldn't help the boy.
- He's been teaching these guys, praying with them, showing them how to act, and they've just seen the miraculous on that mountain and heard God's audible voice.

Notice that Jesus doesn't just rebuke the disciples, but the whole "faithless generation."

- He's dealing with those who just can't seem to believe God for real results.
- Exasperated, Jesus tells them to bring the boy to Him.

***Invite someone in the group to read Mark 9:20 (KJV).**

The moment they bring the boy to Him, that demon starts manifesting.

- Demons can't help but act out in the presence of Jesus.
- But Jesus isn't fazed by the theatrics of a demon. Neither should you!

***Invite someone in the group to read Mark 9:21-22 (KJV).**

Both the father and Jesus just want one thing: RESULTS!

- The father just wants what Jesus wants, to see his son's life turned around.
- He is beyond being easily offended.
- He gets right to the point when he tells Jesus, *"if thou canst do anything, have compassion on us, and help us"* (vs. 22).

Jesus does have compassion and does help—not just by casting out the demon but by teaching ALL of us a spiritual truth that has the power to get great results in our lives.

***Invite someone in the group to read the next verse: Mark 9:23 (KJV).**

- Jesus looked at that man and spoke these revolutionary words.

***Group Discussion: How should you respond when things look impossible in the natural?**

The great power of "belief" and its effect on the natural world is what we need to grab hold of today!

When you start *expecting* that your faith is going to produce change, you are going to see **results** coming to pass in your life.

- **"Believe! All things are Possible!"**

Repeat 3 Affirmations this week:

1. Jesus came so that I could know the Father—and every day I'm growing in my knowledge of God as I read and apply the divine principles Jesus taught in the Word.
2. My Father is not only my Creator, but He is my Provider, Healer, and Ever-Present Help. He is my All-Sufficient and All-Bountiful Supplier—my Guide for living life well.
3. The principle of belief was divinely given by Christ to me—He said if I could believe.

Close in Prayer

BELIEVE! ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE!

Great EXPECTation Gets Great RESULTS!

2nd Week February 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 Mark 9:23 (KJV).**

Our theme for this year: “Great EXPECTation Gets Great RESULTS.”

- *Expectation* is the process to get great results that you can see in your own life.

All this month, our Advance Group will see how we can: “Believe! All things are Possible!”

Last week we studied God’s instructions to: “Hear Him” and BELIEVE.

- We talked about how Jesus came that we might know the Father in a greater way.
- The disciples weren’t just seeing the supernatural, they were hearing revolutionary truths.
- We will experience the same great results when we read the words of Christ.

This week, we will continue the story in Mark 9 about the Father that brought his son to Jesus’ disciples.

- Both the father and Jesus just want one thing: RESULTS!

Jesus taught a spiritual truth that has the power to get great results.

***Invite someone in the group to read Mark 9:23-27 (KJV).**

- Notice that Jesus wasn’t trying to impress the people watching.

Jesus wanted to give the people, including us, a recipe for results that we could do on our own to bring about what we desire from God.

- He told us the truth about belief’s power in our lives.
- In verse 23, Jesus said; “*If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth.*”

This statement was meant to raise expectations in order to get results.

- What Jesus was doing was elevating the father’s mindset.
- In order to receive something “impossible,” we have to EXPECT that “*all things are possible*” through the power of belief.

This is as much a message for us today as it was for this father and son way back then.

- No matter how dire a situation.
- No matter what it is you want from God, great results can happen if you believe.

When you really believe something, it’s not a wish. It’s a knowing.

- A secure fact in your mind that results are coming to pass because you are living out the principle of belief given by Jesus.
- This is faith, and it is exactly what Jesus chose to teach *before* He demonstrated how it worked.
- Jesus cast the devil out of the boy and set him free in front of everyone.

***Group Discussion: What is Possible in Your Life? What do you have to do to get great results?**

Let’s think about what Jesus promised in Mark 9:23:

- “*If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth*”.
- You must have great expectation that what you *believe* will bring about results.
- Do not to take it for granted because maybe you’ve heard it before.

Let the simplicity of this revolutionary statement of Jesus Christ sink deep into your mind.

- Belief in this promise of Jesus has the power to set you free because you will start to see that it gives you back your power.
- Your belief is tied to the spirit realm and changes things if you use its power.

***Group Discussion: Can you change even “impossible” situations if you believe?**

Belief is the answer to changing difficult and even “impossible” situations.

- Jesus was close to the Father and regularly prayed and also fasted.
- This was how He drew closer to His Father and “powered-up.”

Remember that Jesus dealt with all sorts of human situations just like we do.

- He is touched and moved with compassion for humanity because He knows what it means to be human!
- **Hebrews 4:15** says; *“For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.”*

Jesus demonstrated His belief that with God all things are possible.

- Jesus demonstrated that He had the power of God within Him to cast out even the most rebellious of demons.

***Invite someone in the group to read Mark 9:28-29 (KJV).**

Some issues are so deep that we need a stronger belief in order to tackle them.

- Jesus told them that some would only come out *“by prayer and fasting.”*
- Prayer and fasting changes US.
- They aren’t some kind of magic that makes God move.
- God is moved according to our faith.
- Prayer and fasting have the potential of drawing us closer to God.
- They lessen OUR attention on the natural senses and increase OUR reliance and closeness to the Holy Spirit, Who helps to reveal God’s Word to us in a greater way.
- That elevates our MIND and brings us to greater levels of spiritual BELIEF which help us get results in difficult situations.

That demon that had gotten so comfortable destroying that boy’s life had to listen to Jesus.

- Because demons respond to pure faith in God, whether they want to or not!

***Group Discussion: Have you had a time in your life, or know of someone else where only “fasting and praying” changed a situation?**

The disciples simply had to grow in their own belief to get results.

- Jesus told them how to do it: Use prayer and fasting.
- This can shrink the distance between what we currently may believe is possible and what Jesus says is actually possible: **ALL Things**—through prayer and fasting.

This will build up our belief and help us get greater results.

Remember, “Great EXPECTation Gets Great RESULTS.” So, what are you expecting?

Repeat 3 Affirmations this week:

- I expect my faith to produce results and it does—believing is like a string drawing in answers, blessings, and every good spiritual, physical, or financial result into my life!
- I know that believing changes things. So, when I want circumstances to change, I increase my expectations, focus on the Word, and expect God’s best result for me.
- Belief on God’s Word can change even difficult and “impossible” situations—I use prayer and fasting as needed to draw closer to God, rise to greater levels of belief, and see results.

Close in Prayer

BELIEVE! ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE!

Great EXPECTation Gets Great RESULTS!

3rd Week February 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 Mark 9:23 (KJV).**

Our theme this year is “Great EXPECTation Gets Great RESULTS.”

- All this month, we have focused our study time on: “Believe! All things are Possible!
- Last week we studied about “What is possible for you when you **BELIEVE**, and how you can change the “Impossible” when you **BELIEVE**.

This week we will see that unbelief just doesn’t fit into the promises of God.

- ***Invite someone in the group to read Mark Chapter 9:23 (KJV).**

“If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth.”

This year is a great year to start raising your expectations.

- Think about what do you want and what do you desire to happen.

We who *believe* take hold of the truths given to us by Jesus Christ.

- It is like flowing in His knowledge of what works by using the omnipotent power of God to produce results.
- People don’t see faith, but they do see the results of faith.

***Instruct the group to turn to Hebrews 11:1.**

This month we have been studying Mark Chapter 9, and we saw that every person who saw that boy delivered by Christ that day also heard the teaching of how Christ did it.

***Invite someone in the group to read Hebrews 11:1:**

“Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.”

- It’s the unseen belief that makes the things you’re believing for come into the natural realm where you and everyone else can see them.
- Belief is powerful!
- Every person who uses their faith will increase their power and acquire more results in life—because it’s a divinely given principle.

We must learn how to use our faith and express it better.

- We do that by trusting that Jesus told us the truth and by deciding to simply believe that all things are possible through faith.

“Great EXPECTation Gets Great RESULTS.”

- Your faith must be confined to Christ’s promise.
- You must realize that all the promises of God are true.

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

Jesus is a Shepherd to His Church.

- Jesus is our ultimate Guide. Like God, He has bound Himself to His Word.
- He came that we might know the Father.
- He came to give us life and show us how to live it more abundantly.
- He came to set us free by His shed blood and by His Word that tells us how best to get good results in this life.

***Instruct the group to turn to Genesis 8:22 (KJV).**

His Word came to us in seed form.

- It is up to us to plant it into our heart and allow it to grow into something we don't just repeat, but something that we believe and act on in our daily life.

***Invite someone in the group to read Genesis 8:22 (KJV):**

"While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease."

All great expectation begins with a seed.

- Our thoughts and beliefs come in seed form.
- We choose whether or not to meditate on them and allow them to grow.
- We can abort the truth or nourish it.
- We protect it, and love it as part of who we are as God's children.

***Group Discussion: What seed of God's Word are you nurturing?**

The reason why a woman is expecting is because she has received seed.

- From that seed, results will follow.

***Instruct the group to turn to 2 Corinthians 1:20:**

Jesus didn't lie, and the Gospels reveal great truths if we will listen.

- God sent Jesus in order that He might covenant Himself to us.
- It's His will that we link up with Him so that we can live better lives spiritually, physically, and financially.
- There is no area that is impossible for God to make better if we will listen to His Word.

***Invite someone in the group to read 2 Corinthians 1:20:**

"For no matter how many promises God has made, they are 'Yes' in Christ. And so through him the 'Amen' is spoken by us to the glory of God."

God has bound Himself to His Word.

- Jesus has bound Himself to His teachings.
- And all the promises of God are "yea" and "amen."

God's words are promises to all of us who BELIEVE.

- God doesn't ask us to have faith if we want results; He demands faith to see results!
- It's a prerequisite of results.
- By demanding it, He shows us that it's the only way results will happen His way.

You see, unbelief just doesn't fit into the promises of God.

- Nothing we get from God comes from faithlessness.

This is why we can't beg our way into results.

- We can't plead our way into results.
- We must believe our way into results.

That's why Jesus said, *"If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth."*

Repeat 2 Affirmations this week:

- Like a growing seed, I'm learning to use my faith with more joy and express it better, too. I water, nourish, protect, and love my faith! It's precious to me and produces results!
- God has bound Himself to His Word and Jesus has bound Himself to His teachings, too. ALL the promises are "yea" and "amen" for me! I don't just read the Word; I believe it!

Close in Prayer

BELIEVE! ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE!

Great EXPECTation Gets Great RESULTS!

4th Week February 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 Mark 9:23 (KJV).**

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

- Remember, last year's theme? "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.

All month, our Advance Group study time has been: "Believe! All things are Possible!"

***Invite someone in the group to read Mark Chapter 9:23 (KJV).**

- *"If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth."*

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, and 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.

This week we will see how you can cast down doubt, call on Jesus, and simply BELIEVE.

***Instruct the group to turn to Isaiah 1:19 (KJV).**

- It is the willing and obedient life that creates and nurtures the atmosphere for great expectations and great results.
- God loves you, and every principle taught in the Word is for your benefit so that you might have great results.

***Invite someone in the group to read Isaiah 1:19 (KJV).**

"If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land."

Lets look at the words "willing" and "obedient" in this scripture:

- **Willing** (Aw-baw) means "to consent, yield to, to desire and to accept."
- **Obedient** (Shaw-mah) means "to listen, to give heed. To obey."

One of the most powerful scriptures on obedience is found in Acts 5:29.

***Instruct the group to turn to Acts 5:28-29 (KJV).**

The apostles were thrown into jail for preaching the gospel and healing the sick.

- But that night an Angel of the Lord opened the doors and told them to go and tell of the new life.
- When the officers went to get them out of jail they weren't there.
- When they found them they were preaching the gospel.
- Then they were brought before the Sanhedrin to be questioned by the high priest.

***Invite someone in the group to read Acts 5:28-29 (KJV).**

“Saying, Did not we straitly command you that ye should not teach in this name? and, behold, ye have filled Jerusalem with your doctrine, and intend to bring this man’s blood upon us. Then Peter and the other apostles answered and said, We ought to obey God rather than men.”

- You see our obedience to God is more important than anything.

***Group Discussion: When was there a time when you found it hard to obey God, but realized that it is the right thing to do?**

Our willingness and desire to be obedient to the teachings of Jesus is the heart of our entire faith walk!

- Let simplify it even further—if thou canst **believe**, you get to eat the **results**!
- You get to experience what is good.
- So, can you believe? YES, you can!

You must realize that you aren’t an accident waiting to happen;

- You are a success waiting to be birthed...
- And belief is going to be the way you access your own personal success.

Decide now, no matter how this year started, that you WILL have a great year.

- Expect, believe, and know that your results are coming!

Always have “singleness-of-eye,” so to speak, as you expect results.

- Don’t complicate it with overthinking.

Decide that no matter what doubtful thought comes up, you will cast it down in favor of belief.

- Belief is not just what you do but part of who you are!

Don’t let unbelief mingle with your faith—

- Don’t allow unbelief and faith to co-exist in your heart.
- By mingling them together in your heart you will just create an inner war you don’t need to fight!

Call on Jesus for help, just like that demon-possessed boy’s father did in Mark 9:24.

- He actually said, *“Lord, help my unbelief!”* and Jesus did just that.

God will always meet you where you are.

- God is not looking to condemn you.

God is always looking to help you to:

1. Elevate your mindset.
2. Increase your expectation.
3. To stimulate you to believe that ALL things are possible for you.

***Group Discussion: How has this study helped you?**

Christ will always help you if you open up to Him with sincerity.

- “Believe! All things are Possible!”
- Let your great EXPECTation rise today knowing that great RESULTS will follow.

Repeat 2 Affirmations this week:

- I’ve got great expectations! I love believing and receiving—I’m grateful for all I’ve received in the past and excited about new possibilities. Great results are coming my way!
- I’m a success going somewhere to succeed. I don’t complicate what Jesus says. He said, “If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth” and I BELIEVE!

Close in Prayer