



March 2020

Dear Partner,

Spring is starting and I love seeing new growth in the trees, plants, and flowers. New life is everywhere and the grass is turning bright green. It's a wonderful sight to see! I believe if we could hear the voices of the trees, plants, flowers, and the grass, they would all be saying, "I'm expecting great results with my growth." And, Partner, that is what our theme this year is all about—growth!

This year our theme is, "Great Expectation Gets Great Results" and, today, I must start with this verse in Philippians 3:14 from the apostle Paul, which says, "*I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.*" I never get tired of hearing that verse. It's one that stirs me up—I live it, breathe it, and it infuses me with great expectation...and because of that, the results begin to flow spiritually, physically, and financially. Why do I believe that Philippians 3:14 is so important? I believe it's vital because Paul's concentration is directed toward one singular thing—the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

## **Turn Your Mind and Heart Toward Your Future in Christ**

### ***Reject All the Counsels of the Past that Pull You Back***

We all have a call on our life to move deeper into a Christlike way of thinking, being, and living. Partner, it's time to leave the low places of life behind and focus on our mark—to think higher, believe higher, and walk in the high places with God. So, part one of my letter to you today is this: *Reject all the counsels of the past that do not turn your mind and heart toward your future in Christ.*

Your mark is ahead of you, and so is your prize. They are both connected to your pursuit of the high calling of living in Christ Jesus. You cannot press forward if you constantly turn your head and your heart to what is behind you. You must forget those things which are behind, and press forward to those things which are ahead in Christ. No matter what happened in the past, you can't go back—but you can live there in your mind.

Today, I want to tell you that your future is too important to focus on what's behind you. You've been there and done that! Don't waste your time on what's behind. Go forward—because you have a high calling of God in Christ Jesus. You have a good future that depends on you *not* using the past as a counselor.

Never accept people's words if they say things to you like, "You can't do that" or "You can't receive that" or "It won't work." Today, I am here to tell you that you can do all things through

Christ who gives you strength. I'm here to tell you that *all things* are possible with God, and everything you believe for *can* come to pass in your life.

You know, I don't "try" to do things; I do them—and that includes using my faith for what God said I could have and what God said I could do in this life. Expectation in God's Word is working for me, and it will work for you too. God is no respecter of persons! So don't let seeds of doubt spring up because it's not great doubt or great worry that gets great results—great expectation gets great results!

Philippians 4:13 is also an important verse and is something you should say every single day to yourself, and even to others who dare to contradict what God's Word says about you. Just get into the habit of saying, "*I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me,*" whenever your brain or others try to get you to lower your expectation. Remind yourself of that little word "all," and tell yourself, "All means all! I don't just believe that; I'm getting that!" Glory!

Partner, our ruling passion must be to get nearer to Christ, to grow up in Christ, and to do the work of Christ—the high calling of God on our lives is to live "in Christ Jesus." When we do, we will become pregnant with the seeds of His revelations. They will not be just mere words to us; we will begin to view them for what they are: words of life.

### **Find Out What Is Best in All the World, Then Bend Your Life Toward It *Press Toward the Mark of Your High Calling with Unceasing Effort***

The words of Jesus are life. They are water when your soul is thirsty and sustenance when your soul is hungry. They are wisdom for every situation and guidance for every problem. The words of Jesus are multi-layered with truth to help you live this life well—spiritually well, physically well, financially well, and in every other area you can think of. Every word is a seed that, like springtime, will shoot up if you sow it into your heart.

Now, listen to this! The seed of revelation will cause you to risk everything and spare nothing. When the seed of revelation begins springing up, all the guesswork you may have been toying with goes right out the door. Your focus becomes 20/20, and you just don't want to play around with mental "guesswork" when it comes to the Word. You start putting simple faith in what God said. You expect that what He said, He will do—end of statement.

I don't believe in guessing with my expectation. Guesswork is a part of an unstable future. But, Partner, your future is not unstable. Your future is founded upon the Rock, Jesus Christ! He didn't fail, and neither will you! Decide that failure isn't an option for you. You are growing, learning, and expecting more and more—you are like the grass in spring, no matter what your age. Your unceasing effort in sowing and applying the Word will cause you to spring up with life, revelation, and expectation. I believe that unceasing effort is important and that great expectation gets great results.

So, part two in my letter to you today is this: *Find out what is best for you in all the world, then bend your whole life toward it.* Oh, I'm getting excited writing this letter to you! You see, what is best in all the world is Jesus—and what is best for you in all the world is to press toward the mark of your high calling in Christ Jesus. Living "in Christ" is something all believers are called to press toward. It looks different through different personalities, but the spirit is the same. And it doesn't just happen on its own. It takes effort to grow. It takes effort to forget what lies behind and press forward. I believe that unceasing effort is a necessity in keeping great expectation high and in getting great results to flow.

I personally believe these are the last days, and you and I are called by God to get this job done—not only to live our own lives "in Christ," but also to reach others so that they may leave the low places of life and begin living higher lives, too. Their futures matter to the Lord, and we are all called to reach the lost—to help people climb out of darkness and into His marvelous light. That's why you partner with this ministry.

## **Life Is a Race—Don't Look Back or Go Back**

### ***To Run Your Race Well, You Must Value the Power of Concentration***

We're called to work together for His kingdom and to give everyone on this planet an opportunity to hear the words of Jesus—to open their eyes to the truth so that they can see a way out of the darkness that is so prevalent in this fallen world. That's why your financial seed is so important. It says, "Jesse, take this seed and produce a harvest of souls for God." Partner, I don't play with your seed. It's much too precious! I plant and work your seed so that it produces a harvest for God's kingdom and also for you.

Jesus said He came to give us all life, and life more abundantly (John 10:10)—and the more people hear His words, the more people will accept His words. We aren't preaching a religion. We are sharing a Person and a way of life that leads people out of soul-level misery and into greater and greater levels of both expectation and results. The Word works, and Jesus is real—it's up to us, Partner, to keep reaching out around the world so that as many as possible are able to hear the words of life that change everything!

Now, that brings me to part three. Are you ready? *This life is a race—a contest in which we should never look back or go back—and that's done by concentration.* Concentration is the secret to all human affairs, because if you can't focus on what you want or where you're going, it's going to be hard to get what you want and to get where you're going! That's why the apostle Paul boiled it down to the bottom line in Acts 9:6 when he said, "*Lord, what wilt Thou have me to do?*"

Partner, great expectation comes from putting Jesus and His words of life first—concentrating upon them and sowing the Word with consistency. Great results come from your effort, your diligence, and your fierce concentration on Christ and the Word. Remember that you have a destination "in Christ Jesus" that you are pressing toward—that's where you're going, that's Who you are following, and that's Who all your expectations rest upon. But you have to concentrate on Him and on what you want to do and have from Him. Nothing will ever get done without concentration!

Personally, I don't just hold a truth in my head and talk about it for fun—I put my concentration on that truth. I'm like a bulldog that won't let go. When I get a revelation, it may start in seed form, but it starts growing quickly because I concentrate on it. I meditate on it, get excited about it, praise God for it, and apply it. Not just once. Daily! It's not hard, but it does require effort—but it's worth it because it produces progress not only for my life and ministry but also for all those who are watching.

Partner, we must produce progress for all the world to see. I am only one, but together we are many—and I believe we have to show the world through our own lives that the Word of God is the answer for all the world's problems. I know that's a big statement, but the truth must be translated into results. That's why our theme this year is "Great Expectation Gets Great Results"—it's linked to last year's theme, "Your Everything Is His Anything."

As believers, we must have a single aim, a definite purpose, unceasing effort, and finally, we must gain and show others how to become independent from the past. I know it's not easy, but I also know there are no gains without pains—and there is so much more blessing to gain from moving forward toward a good future in Christ Jesus. The past is worth leaving behind, and the future is worth pressing toward with gusto.

## **Getting to the High Places in Christ—I Call It the "Jesus Workout"**

### ***We're the Body of Christ and We're Meant to Be Healthy and Look Good!***

Together, I know we will get and are getting to the high places in Christ Jesus. I call it the "Jesus workout!" As we forget what was behind and look forward to what lies ahead, and as we press toward the mark, together we are building the Body of Christ—we're becoming so healthy,

so strong, and so powerful that the world will say, “Look at how good those Christians look! What are they doing?!” Glory!

We are meant to be overcomers—to carry the Light in us and spread it around the world. We’re meant to be healthy and strong in our mind and spirit. We’re meant to be attractive to those who need the light of Jesus—to be a reflection for Him instead of casting a reflection upon Him.

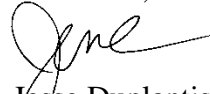
Let me put it this way: As the Body of Christ, we’re supposed to grow into one lean, mean, spiritual fighting machine that destroys all of Satan’s works. We aren’t supposed to be dim; we’re supposed to shine with the light of God and the words of life. How do we get to be like that? By running our race well and leaving the past where it belongs—behind us. By looking forward, as we should, to what God has placed ahead of us. By pressing forward with concentration and expectation of good results on the greatest prize we will ever receive for our efforts: the high calling that is living *in* Christ Jesus.

Partner, it’s His way that I’m concentrating on, and I know that you are, too. It’s His best and forget the rest, right? Let’s aim to make this Body of Christ healthy and abundantly blessed—spiritually, physically, financially, and in every part of our lives. We don’t have to listen to the lies of the devil about us or accept less than God’s best for us. So, let’s concentrate and keep our eyes ahead. Let’s keep sowing the Word, springing up with revelation, and building our great expectation. Because what God said, He will do, if we have the guts to believe it.

There’s no need or desire too big or too small to God. There’s nothing you can’t do or have in this life if you believe. ALL things are possible with God! And our best life will always be lived “in Christ Jesus”—pressing forward to His higher thoughts and higher way of living this life.

I hope you enjoyed what I shared in this letter today. As you sow your seed this month, put your expectation in the words of Christ and speak over what you’re planting. Say, “Seed, go forth! Grow! Bring back results for the kingdom and for me—30, 60, and 100-fold!” That’s God’s Word, and it won’t return unto Him void. All we have to do is believe it and decide that we aren’t giving up or giving in...we’re running! Straightforward in faith and with great expectation in the words of life, we’re getting results! Until next time, God bless you and thank you, once again, for all you do to help me keep reaching people and changing lives, one soul at a time.

Love You,



Jesse Duplantis

P.S. In appreciation for your March Partnership of \$50 or more, I want you to be sure to request my message, ***“Living Off the Top of the Barrel – Volume 1”*** (on DVD, CD, or both formats). Talk about great expectations getting great results! This message will stir you up to not expect anything less than God’s absolute best. And for your March Partnership of any amount, you can request this message on CD (see the enclosure of go to [jdm.org](http://jdm.org) for details). Also, don’t forget that **March 26-27** is our **Visionary Conference** right here at JDM International Headquarters in Destrehan, Louisiana. It’s FREE and open to all—it’s not too late to make plans now to join us. Hope to see you here!





Let's **Keep Pressing** Toward Our Mark—  
We Have a **GREAT Future “in Christ!”**

*“I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.”*  
Philippians 3:14 KJV

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

**March 2020**  
Partner Letter Bible Study  
Devotional Outlines

# **I'm Pressing Toward My Mark Great Expectation Gets Great Results!**

**1<sup>st</sup> Week March 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 Phil. 3:14 KJV.**

**Spring is starting and we are seeing new growth in the trees, plants, and flowers.**

- New life is everywhere and the grass is turning bright green.
- It's a wonderful sight to see!

**If we could hear the voices of the trees, plants, flowers, and the grass, we might hear them say: "I'm expecting great results with my growth."**

- And that is what our theme this year is all about—GROWTH!

**This year our theme is "Great Expectation Gets Great Results."**

Let's begin our study with a powerful verse written by the apostle Paul to the church at Philippi.

**\*Invite someone in the group to read Phil. 3:14 KJV:**

***"I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."***

**We should never get tired of hearing this verse.**

- This verse stirs us up when we live it and breathe it.
- It infuses us with great expectation.
- Because of that, results begin to flow spiritually, physically, and financially.

**Why is this verse so important?**

- It's vital because Paul's concentration is directed toward one singular thing—the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

**Turn your mind and heart toward your future in Christ.**

- Reject all the counsels of the past that pull you back.

**We all have a call on our life to move deeper into a Christlike way of thinking, being, and living.**

- It's time to leave the low places of life behind and focus on our mark.
- It's time to think higher, believe higher, and walk in the high places with God.

**Reject all the counsels of the past that do not turn your mind and heart toward your future in Christ.**

- Your mark is ahead of you, and so is your prize.
- They are both connected to your pursuit of the high calling of living in Christ Jesus.

**You cannot press forward if you constantly turn your head and your heart to what is behind you.**

- You must forget those things which are behind and press forward to those things which are ahead in Christ.
- No matter what happened in the past, you can't go back—but you can live there in your mind.

**Your future is too important to focus on what's behind you.**

- You've been there and done that.
- Don't waste your time on what's behind.
- Go forward—because you have a high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

- You have a good future that depends on you not using the past as a counselor.

**\*Instruct the group to turn to Phil. 4:13 King James Version.**

Never accept people's words if they say things to you like, "You can't do that" or "You can't receive that" or "It won't work."

**\*Invite someone in the group to read Philippians 4:13 KJV:**

- *"I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."*

**\*Group Discussion: \*List one thought about your good future you can focus on?**

**You can do all things through Christ who gives you strength.**

- All things are possible with God.
- Everything you believe for can come to pass in your life.
- Don't "try" to do things; do them.
- That includes using your faith for what God said you can have, and what God said you can do in this life.

**Expectation in God's Word will work for you.**

- I can do all things through Christ which strengthens me—and ALL means all. I don't just believe that; I'm getting that! Spiritually, physically, and financially, I'm getting results!
- God is no respecter of persons!
- Don't let seeds of doubt spring up.
- It's not great doubt or great worry that gets great results.
- Only Great expectation gets great results!

**Philippians 4:13** is also an important verse and is something you should say every single day to yourself, and even to others who dare to contradict what God's Word says about you.

**\*Group Discussion: \*How has confessing God's Word worked for you?**

**Get into the habit of saying, "I can do ALL things through Christ which strengtheneth me," whenever your brain or others try to get you to lower your expectation.**

- Remind yourself of that little word "all."
- All means all!
- Don't just believe that; get that!!

**Our ruling passion must be to get nearer to Christ, to grow up in Christ, and to do the work of Christ.**

- The high calling of God on our lives is to live "in Christ Jesus!"
- When we do, we will become pregnant with the seeds of His revelations.
- They will not be just mere words to us.
- We will begin to view them for what they are: words of life.

**Repeat 3 Affirmations this week:**

- I am forgetting those things which are behind and pressing forward to what is ahead—I'm focused on thinking higher, believing higher, and walking in the high places with God.
- My future is too important to focus on the past—I reject all counsels of the past that don't turn my mind or heart toward my future in Christ. There is no "I can't" with the Lord.
- I can do all things through Christ which strengthens me—and ALL means all. I don't just believe that; I'm getting that! Spiritually, physically, and financially, I'm getting results!

**Close in Prayer**



# **I'm Pressing Toward My Mark Great Expectation Gets Great Results!**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Week March 2020 Advance Group  
Bible Study Devotional Outline**

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

This year's theme is "Great Expectation Gets Great Results" and it's all about growth.

**In our bible study this week, we will look at Philippians 3 again.**

**\*Instruct the group to turn to Philippians 3:13-14 KJV.**

**Last week we saw that the apostle Paul's concentration was directed toward one singular thing—the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.**

- It's time to leave the low places of life behind and focus on our mark.
- It's time to think higher, believe higher, and walk in the high places with God.

**\*Invite someone in the group to read Philippians 3:13-14 KJV.**

*"Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."*

**\*Group Discussion: What does this passage of scripture inspire you to press toward?**

**The words of Jesus are life.**

- They are water when your soul is thirsty and sustenance when your soul is hungry.
- They are wisdom for every situation and guidance for every problem.

**\*Instruct the group to turn to Hebrews 4:12 KJV.**

**The words of Jesus are multi-layered with truth to help you live this life well—spiritually well, physically well, financially well, and in every other area you can think of.**

- Every word is a seed that, like springtime, will shoot up if you sow it into your heart.

**\*Invite someone in the group to read Hebrews 4:12 KJV:**

*"For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart."*

**The Word of God is not simply a collection of words from God, it is living, life-changing, and dynamic as it works in us.**

- With the incisiveness of a surgeon's knife, God's Word reveals who we are and what we are not.
- It penetrates the core of our moral and spiritual life. It discerns what is within us, both good and evil.
- The demands of God's Word require decisions.
- We must not only listen to the Word; we must also let it shape our lives.

**The seed of revelation will cause you to risk everything and spare nothing.**

- When the seed of revelation begins springing up, all the guesswork you may have been toying with goes right out the door.
- Your focus becomes 20/20, and you just don't want to play around with mental "guesswork" when it comes to the Word.
- You start putting simple faith in what God said.
- You expect that what He said, He will do—end of statement.



**Don't believe in guessing with your expectation.**

- Guesswork is a part of an unstable future.
- But your future is not unstable.

**Your future is founded upon the Rock, Jesus Christ!**

- He didn't fail, and neither will you!

**Decide that failure isn't an option for you.**

- You are growing, learning, and expecting more and more.
- You are like the grass in spring, no matter what your age.

**Your unceasing effort in sowing and applying the Word will cause you to spring up with life, revelation, and expectation.**

- Believe that unceasing effort is important and that great expectation gets great results.

**Find out what is best for you in all the world, then bend your whole life toward it.**

- What is best in all the world is Jesus!!
- What is best for you in all the world is to press toward the mark of your high calling in Christ Jesus.

**\*Group Discussion: How can you bend our whole life toward what is best for you?**

**Living "in Christ" is something all believers are called to press toward.**

- It looks different through different personalities, but the Spirit is the same.

**And, it doesn't just happen on its own.**

- It takes effort to grow.
- It takes effort to forget what lies behind and press forward.
- Unceasing effort is a necessity in keeping great expectation high and in getting great results to flow.

**These are the last days and you and I are called by God to get this job done.**

- We are called to live our own lives "in Christ."
- We are called to reach others so that they may leave the low places of life and begin living higher lives, too.
- Their futures matter to the Lord!

**We are all called to reach the lost.**

- We can help people climb out of darkness and into His marvelous light!

**Find out what is best for you in all the world, then bend your whole life toward it!**

- Remember, Great Expectation Gets Great Results.

**Repeat 3 Affirmations this week:**

- My mark is ahead of me and so is my prize—I have a high calling in Christ Jesus! I'm called to be more like Him and have great expectation in God. Great results are coming!
- I speak the Word over myself, I press forward in faith, and I don't let seeds of doubt sprout. As a result, I am growing healthier, stronger, and more blessed every single day.
- I've found what is best for me in all the world, and I'm bending my whole life toward it—my best life is lived by the words of Jesus Christ. I'm pressing toward my mark in Him!

**Close in Prayer**

# **I'm Pressing Toward My Mark Great Expectation Gets Great Results!**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Week March 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 John 10:10 KJV.**

**Our theme this year is "Great Expectation Gets Great Results."**

- We're called to work together for His kingdom and to give everyone on this planet an opportunity to hear the words of Jesus.
- Our obedience to this call will open their eyes to the truth so that they can see a way out of the darkness that is so prevalent in this fallen world.

**That's why sowing our financial seed is so important.**

- Our seed can produce a harvest of souls for God.
- It is precious!
- When it is planted in good soil, it produces a harvest for God's kingdom and also for you.

**\*Invite someone in the group to read John 10:10 KJV:**

*"The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly."*

**Jesus said He came to give us all life, and life more abundantly.**

- The more people hear His words, the more people will accept His words.
- We aren't preaching a religion.
- We are sharing a Person and a way of life that leads people out of soul-level misery and into greater and greater levels of both expectation and results.

**The Word works, and Jesus is real.**

- It's up to us to keep reaching out around the world so that as many as possible are able to hear the words of life that change everything!

**\*Instruct the group to turn to Acts 9:1-6 KJV.**

***This life is a race—a contest in which we should never look back or go back—and that's done by concentration.***

- Concentration is the secret to all human affairs.
- If you can't focus on what you want or where you're going, it's going to be hard to get what you want and to get where you're going!

**\*Invite someone in the group to read Acts 9:1-6 KJV:** *"And Saul, yet breathing out threatenings and slaughter against the disciples of the Lord, went unto the high priest, And desired of him letters to Damascus to the synagogues, that if he found any of this way, whether they were men or women, he might bring them bound unto Jerusalem. And as he journeyed, he came near Damascus: and suddenly there shined round about him a light from heaven: And he fell to the earth, and heard a voice saying unto him, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me? And he said, Who art thou, Lord? And the Lord said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest: it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks. And he trembling and astonished said, Lord, what wilt thou have me to do? And the Lord said unto him, Arise, and go into the city, and it shall be told thee what thou must do."*

**The apostle Paul boiled it down to the bottom line in Acts 9:6.**

**\*Group Discussion: Have you ever come to a crossroad in your life and asked Jesus that question? What did He call you to do?**

**Great expectation comes from putting Jesus and His words of life first.**

- It comes from concentrating upon them and sowing the Word with consistency.

**Great results come from your effort, your diligence, and your fierce concentration on Christ and the Word.**

- Remember that you have a destination “in Christ Jesus” that you are pressing toward.
- That’s where you’re going, that’s Who you are following, and that’s Who all your expectations rest upon.
- But you have to concentrate on Him and on what you want to do and have from Him.
- Nothing will ever get done without concentration!

**We don’t just hold a truth in our head and talk about it for fun.**

- We must put our concentration on that truth.
- We must be like a bulldog that won’t let go.

**When we get a revelation, it may start in seed form, but it starts growing quickly when we:**

1. Concentrate on it.
2. Meditate on it. Get excited about it.
3. Praise God for it.
4. Apply it.

**Not just once. Daily!**

- It’s not hard, but it does require effort.
- It’s worth it because it produces progress for our individual lives, our church, our global ministry and all those who are watching.

**\*Group Discussion: What great expectation seeds are growing in you daily?**

**We must produce progress for all the world to see.**

- You are only one, but together we are many.

**We have to show the world through our own lives that the Word of God is the answer for all the world’s problems.**

- That’s a big statement, but the truth must be translated into results.
- That’s why our theme this year is “Great Expectation Gets Great Results”—it’s linked to last year’s theme, “Your Everything Is His Anything.”

**As believers, we must have a single aim, a definite purpose, unceasing effort.**

- We must gain and show others how to become independent from the past.
- It’s not easy, but we also know there are no gains without pains.

**There is so much more blessing to gain from moving forward toward a good future in Christ Jesus.**

- The past is worth leaving behind, and the future is worth pressing toward with gusto.

**Repeat 2 Affirmations this week:**

- My dreams and desires are worth it—I don’t mind the effort it takes to grow “in Christ” and receive what God has for me. His Word removes the guesswork and gives me simple faith.
- I value the power of concentration. Nothing gets done without it! This life is a race and I’m not looking back or going back—I focus on where I’m going “in Christ.”

**Close in Prayer**

# **I'm Pressing Toward My Mark Great Expectation Gets Great Results!**

4<sup>th</sup> Week March 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 Philippians 3:13-14 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.

**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 discuss "Getting to the High Places in Christ—The "Jesus Workout!"**

**\*Invite someone in the group to read Philippians 3:13-14 KJV:**

*"Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."*

**Together, we will get and are getting to the high places in Christ Jesus.**

- We can call it the "Jesus workout!"
- We forget what was behind and look forward to what lies ahead.
- We press toward the mark.

**Together we are building the Body of Christ.**

- We're becoming so healthy, so strong, and so powerful that the world will say, "Look at how good those Christians look!"
- What are they doing?!" Glory!

**We are meant to be overcomers!**

- We are meant to carry the Light in us and spread it around the world.
- We're meant to be healthy and strong in our mind and spirit.
- We're meant to be attractive to those who need the light of Jesus.
- We're to be a reflection for Him instead of casting a reflection upon Him.

**\*Instruct the group to turn to Matthew 5:14 KJV.**

**As the Body of Christ, we're supposed to grow into one lean, mean, spiritual fighting machine that destroys all of Satan's works.**

**\*Invite someone in the group to read Matthew 5:14 KJV:**

*"Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hid."*

**We're meant to be attractive to those who need the light of Jesus.**

- We're to be a reflection for Him instead of casting a reflection upon Him.

- We aren't supposed to be dim.
- We're supposed to shine with the light of God and the words of life.

**\*Group Discussion: How do we as Christians shine as lights in this world?**

**How do we get to be like that?**

- By running our race well and leaving the past where it belongs—behind us.
- By looking forward, as we should, to what God has placed ahead of us.
- By pressing forward with concentration.
- By having great expectation of good results on the greatest prize we will ever receive for our efforts: the high calling that is living *in* Christ Jesus.

**It's His way that we are concentrating on.**

- It's His best and forget the rest, right?

**Let's aim to make this Body of Christ healthy and abundantly blessed—spiritually, physically, financially, and in every part of our lives.**

- We don't have to listen to the lies of the devil about us or accept less than God's best for us.
- Let's concentrate and keep our eyes ahead.
- Let's keep sowing the Word.
- Let's keep springing up with revelation, and building our great expectation.
- Because what God said, He will do, if we have the guts to believe it.

**\*Instruct the group to turn to Matthew 13:23 KJV.**

**There's no need or desire too big or too small to God.**

- There's nothing you can't do or have in this life if you believe.
- ALL things are possible with God!

**Our best life will always be lived "in Christ Jesus."**

- We must be pressing forward to His higher thoughts and higher way of living this life.

**\*Invite someone in the group to read Matthew 13:23 KJV:** *"But he that received seed into the good ground is he that heareth the word, and understandeth it; which also beareth fruit, and bringeth forth, some an hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty."*

**Put your expectation in the words of Christ.**

- Each time you sow your seed, speak over what you're planting.
- Say, "Seed, go forth! Grow!"
- "Bring back results for the kingdom and for me—30, 60, and 100-fold!"
- That's God's Word, and it won't return unto Him void.

**All we have to do is believe it and decide that we aren't giving up or giving in.**

- We're running straightforward in faith with great expectation in the words of life.
- We're getting great results!

**Repeat 2 Affirmations this week:**

- I have a single aim and a definite purpose: I put Jesus and His Word first! Jesus came to give me life, and that more abundantly—there is no need or desire that is too hard for God or too much for me.
- My great expectation gets great results! I'm part of the Body of Christ, and as we put our faith in the Word, we're growing healthier and more abundant in every single area of life.

**Close in Prayer**