

June 2020

Dear Partner.

I hope you are enjoying our theme this year as much as I am, "Great Expectation Gets Great Results." I believe that every single time we raise our expectations in what God can do through us, we are putting ourselves in a place that leads us to triumph. You can't triumph unless there is something to triumph over, and it's through our faith in God that we overcome fear and every other mind game that would try to steal the victory we have in Jesus.

"Great Expectation Gets Great Results"—every time I think of those words, my spirit rejoices! You see, Partner, like I was talking about in last month's Partner letter, I have gone past just believing and I've stepped into knowing. I expect that God will perform His Word.

Like the apostle Paul wrote in Romans 4:21 when he was describing Abraham, I have made up my mind that I too am living my life "fully persuaded that, what He had promised, He was able also to perform." In other words, I have GREAT expectations that God will do what He promised me, and that's called getting "great results" to me.

Partner, there is enough in just that tiny portion of scripture from Romans 4:21 to get us through life and get us into Heaven! Let's always live "fully persuaded" that God can do what He says—because just like it was by *faith* that we were saved, it's by faith in God and God's ways that we will overcome and triumph in this life, too. Glory! Now, let's get into this month's message.

Let Go of Fear—A Broken State of Internal Strife Grab Hold of Your Faith—An Unbroken State of Christian Victory

Today, I want to share a little bit with you from these wonderful words in 2 Corinthians 2:14 NKJV: "Now thanks be <u>to God</u> Who <u>always</u> leads us in <u>triumph</u> in Christ, and through us diffuses the fragrance of <u>His knowledge</u> in every place."

I want you to notice the words I underlined: to God; always; triumph; in Christ; His knowledge; in every place. Read that verse a few times and let the Holy Spirit show you some things—because in that one verse is revelation. It's pregnant with great expectation that we will have great results in Christ. So, my first point today is this: **Our lives are not lives of hopeless internal strife but of unbroken Christian victory.**

How many Christians say they "believe" but constantly talk, live, and act in fear? Fear is a cog in the wheel of a believer's success. It is an internal form of strife. Fear creates a broken state of mind for a believer. It brings instability. James 1:8 tells us that a double-minded man is unstable in *all* his ways—so no matter what he does, he is easily shaken because his mind isn't focused.

Faith creates a different energy. It's very focused. Faith is not based on our performance but on God's performance—it trusts and relies on God knowing He is fully able to do what He said. Faith is knowing that God isn't a man that He should lie, as Numbers 23:19 says.

Fear says, "I alone have to make this/that happen. I alone am the reason I will succeed." Fear is a form of pride that doubts God's truthfulness, ability, and power. It looks at life and takes all the success or failure as its own burden. Faith, however, casts its care upon the Lord and says, "It's in God that I live and move and have my being. It's with God that all things are possible. My victory is connected to my faith in God and my good works. I don't do anything alone; God helps me in everything I do! My success is His success, and whatever I do or gain, I do or gain because He is with me."

Faith is an unbroken state of Christian victory because faith connects us to Christ, in Whom there is no failure. Again, look at 2 Corinthians 2:14: "Now thanks be to God Who always leads us in triumph in Christ, and through us diffuses the fragrance of His knowledge in every place." We triumph in Christ. Why do we thank God? Because God is the One Who sent Christ—and because Christ won the victory on the cross, we can have victory in life. Notice He always leads us in triumph. The question is, are we following His lead or doing things on our own?

It's time to let go of fear. Notice how the world around us lives and is ruled by it. Notice how unstable the world is when fear rules. Notice how that broken state of internal strife just leads to more worry, more anxiety, and more problems.

We can't be moved by what we see if we want to triumph. We must be moved by what we believe. In fact, to God, faith is the only thing that can please Him, no matter what else we do. We strengthen our faith by one thing alone: "hearing, and hearing by the Word of God" (Romans 10:17). Remember, we aren't judged a success or failure by what the world says; we rely on what God says—and He says if we have faith, He is pleased with us. He says if we rely on His Word, whatever area we are focusing on will come up! We get blessed when we follow His lead and live by faith in Him.

Grab hold of your faith. Decide to have great expectations. Start seeing faith in God as an antidote for instability and a troubled heart. Faith is an unbroken state of Christian victory. It's needful not only in our own lives but in the world. As believers, we build ourselves up in our most holy faith so that we might turn and give the world what it needs—real hope, stability, faith, love, and the strengthening joy of the Lord that comes when we let go of fear.

There Is an Irresistible Charm to Living in Christ We Diffuse the Fragrance of Christ's Knowledge in Every Place

People have never understood the joy that's in my life. They see me attacked in the media. They watch me just do better, even when the devil tries to take me down. Some think that I just have natural confidence in myself and that's why I am able to take the heat of being attacked. They think that it's my confidence that gives me stamina. That is just not the way it works! It's my faith in God that keeps me in times of trouble. It's His joy that gives me strength, and I gain His joy every time I fellowship with Him and put Him first. I've got a true desire to be led by God, and I know that I can't be led by Him unless I put Him first. So, I have faith that God is leading me, and I refuse to doubt that if I stick with Him, He will always lead me to triumph. I win no matter what because faith is about pleasing God. It's not about pleasing people.

This walk with God is not a fairytale—it's a living reality. If you let God lead you, He will only lead you to triumph in Him. When you have faith in that, you start getting an attitude about the troubles of life. They don't throw you around so much. You aren't unstable in fear anymore but are stable and secure in faith on the inside. This world brings trouble; Christ brings triumph!

So what if trouble comes? Christ is already triumphant, and so is our victory in Him. We are like trophies of His victory—and, Partner, He's got millions of trophies walking around. We shine to this world because He shines through us, and according to our text today from 2 Corinthians 2:14, we smell good, too. Ha!

Partner, nothing is so persuasive as a fragrance. Earlier this year, Cathy and I were walking in the mall when a lady walked by us wearing a beautiful perfume. As we walked, we noticed that the smell of her perfume filled every place she walked. It was such a good smell, and Cathy knew what perfume it was. We liked it so much that we ended up at the counter buying some of it! Why? It was irresistible. That brings me to my second point: In Christ, there is an irresistible charm that will satisfy everyone you come into contact with.

When we live in Christ, it "diffuses the fragrance of <u>His knowledge in every place</u>" (2 Corinthians 2:14). So, it's not enough that the world just sees what we do, but they should inhale the warm and sweet fragrance of Christ in us, too. As diffusers of His knowledge, we are leaving trails of His Spirit in every place that we go. To be a diffuser of His knowledge, we need to know something about Christ and how to live His way—merciful, loving, strong, bold, silent at times, and full of words at other times.

We are to be instant in season and out, giving whatever is needed at the time as we follow Christ's lead (2 Timothy 4:2). Again, we can only be led to triumph if we allow Him to lead us. Partner, our encounters should not leave a bad stink in the room. Our presence should be diffusing the wonderful fragrance of His knowledge. This is what makes us memorable to others in a good way. It's a way of witnessing for Christ.

My good friend in Canada, Pastor Susan Kiteley, once said to me, "Brother Jesse, you make Jesus irresistible." That blessed me so much! It got me thinking about why—and you know, again, it all boils down to faith in God. The world is full of doubt and fear. People either seem to be talking gloom and doom or, if they are optimistic, they can seem like they are living in la-la land. Faith isn't either of those—faith is looking reality square in the eye but choosing to believe God instead. It's not denying a problem; it's denying the problem's right to remain.

Jesus is not a religion. He's a Savior, Healer, Provider, and all-consuming Fire that lights up my soul! So, how can I not be joyful? How can I not have good expectations and get good results? I've read the end of the Book—no matter what happens, we win! We win because Christ already won.

Every triumph, whether it's spiritual, physical, or financial, brings glory to Him and shines the light of His glory in this world. I love seeing what God can do. I love bringing hope to others. I like to triumph, don't you? I like to see others triumph too, don't you? There's enough triumph for everybody in Christ—there is zero lack in Him.

So, let's have faith! Let's expect great things, no matter what trouble comes in the world. Let's be of good cheer knowing He overcame the world, and because of that, we will overcome too! I call this faithlife a "life of adventure," and during our adventure, we are affecting others—we go through life diffusing the sweet-smelling fragrance of our Savior. You see, when we allow Christ to lead us, we are not only led to triumph in Him, but we also leave a sweet fragrance for others every place we go, through our attitude and interactions with others. Let's become irresistible to those in need. Jesus is right there, ready and willing to take them by the hand and say, "Trust Me, have faith in Me, and let Me lead you, too—I have some adventures and some triumph I want to share with you!"

Don't Just Carry a Message—Be a Message Let Jesus Be in Your Voice, and Let Triumph Be Your Great Expectation

Partner, I don't want us to just carry a message—I want us to *be* a message. Everyone's faith must become an expression of Christ. Everyone's faith should become an utterance to all mankind. Where I go, you may not be able to go...but Jesus goes with me. Where you go, I may not be able to go...but Jesus goes with you. We can change what we see with what we believe. It doesn't matter what it looks like; it matters what we believe. Our faith is what this world needs, and our faith is founded in Christ Jesus.

My last point today is this: A human life lived in Christ becomes a voice for divine truth. In Christ, the cross shines through our eyes. In Christ, the truth comes through our mouth. Even if we speak the truth in a trembled voice, it's more powerful and meaningful than anything this world or Satan can ever say.

When we live in Christ, the knowledge of Him and His way of living throbs out of every move we make—in other words, we can affect everything around us for good. We can leave it better than when we came. When we come with great expectation that God can use us, guess what? We get great results that He is using us! The only Jesus some people will ever see is the Jesus in you or the Jesus in me—you've heard me say that many times before, and I say it again today because it's so true. We triumph when we let Him lead us. It doesn't matter what we see; it matters that we have faith in what God said. The outcomes are His, the obedience is ours, and no matter what, when we have faith in Him, we win!

Partner, if you've known me for a while, you know that I don't blow hot and cold with the same breath! This glorious Gospel is too glorious to me for that. I want to see this world touched with the knowledge of Jesus—I want everyone to know it's not hard to be triumphant in this life. With Jesus, it's hard NOT to triumph. That's why I share the Word so much. That's why I do what I do. I want people to find Christ and find hope for a new life of faith.

There are a lot of people looking for somebody to believe in—they follow celebrities, athletes, political figures, and so many others. There are many good people in the world, but I like what that great, old preacher Charles Spurgeon said: "I believe in no man's infallibility, but it is restful to feel sure of one man's integrity and that is Jesus!" There is no man worth following more than Jesus—and that is simple faith at its best. You can't get higher than Jesus! Knowing Him is life-changing, and that's what we are all about.

Thank you, Partner, for all that you do for this ministry. Without your partnering with us, we couldn't reach out so much for the Lord Jesus Christ. Your faithful prayers, good words to us, and financial support are so uplifting to Cathy and I. Thank you for showing us through your support that you believe in bringing this glorious Gospel to the world. Reaching people and changing lives, one soul at a time, is what it's all about for us. We are not only leading people to Christ, but we're also discipling believers through the faith-filled messages we share all around the world.

Well, I've got to go! I hope you enjoyed the message today in this letter. As you know, I will always be about the Father's business, and your support helps us do that. As you sow your seed, believe for the 100-fold. I do that every time I sow. Have great expectation that you are always going to get great results. Until next time, read 2 Corinthians 2:14 again and again...remind yourself that you are in Christ, led by Him, and the only option for you is triumph!

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P.S. For your June Partnership of \$50 or more, you'll want to be sure to request my message, *A Moment of Uncommon Faith* (available on DVD, CD, or both formats). And for your June Partnership of any amount, this message is available by request on CD. See the enclosure for details or go to JDM.org and select "Donate" to get your copy of this message. Also, just a reminder you can download the Partner Letter and new Bible Study Notes at JDM.org! Also, to study along with our ministry partners around the world, tune in to our YouTube Channel and watch "Voice of the Covenant Bible Study" with Cathy for her in-depth teaching of the Partner Letter.





EXPECT God to AlwaysLead You to TRIUMPH!

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Partner Letter Bible Study Notes

1st Week June 2020 Bible Study Notes

Open Bible Study in prayer (led by the group leader or someone they choose).

We hope you are enjoying our theme this year: Great Expectation Gets Great Results!

- Every single time we raise our expectations in what God can do through us, we are putting ourselves in a place that leads us to triumph.
- We can't triumph unless there is something to triumph over!
- It's through our faith in God that we overcome fear and every other mind game that would try to steal the victory we have in Jesus.

*Instruct the group to turn to Romans 4.

Last month, we learned that the right word at the right time will get the right result.

- We saw that we must go past just believing and step into knowing.
- We expect that God will perform His Word.

In this month's Bible Study, you will learn to "Expect God to Always Lead You to Triumph!"

• Let's begin by reading how Abraham lived his life and received his promise.

*Invite someone in the group to read Romans 4:19-20 KJV:

"And being not weak in faith, he considered not his own body now dead, when he was about an hundred years old, neither yet the deadness of Sarah's womb: He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God."

We can follow the example of Abraham and receive God's promise.

- He was not weak in faith!
- He considered not and He staggered not at the promise.
- He was strong in faith and gave glory to God.

*Invite someone in the group to read Romans 4:21 KJV:

"And being fully persuaded that, what He had promised, He was able also to perform."

There is enough in just that tiny portion of scripture from Romans 4:21 to get us through life and get us into Heaven!

• We must make up our mind that we too will live our lives "fully persuaded that, what He had promised, He was able also to perform."

*Group Discussion: What promise in God's Word are you expecting God to perform?

We must have GREAT expectations that God will do what He promised and that's called getting great results.

*Instruct the group to turn to 2nd Corinthians 2:14.

Let's always live "fully persuaded" that God can do what He says.

• Just like it was by *faith* that we were saved, it's by faith in God and God's ways that we will overcome and triumph in this life.

*Invite someone in the group to read 2nd Corinthians 2:14 NKJV:

"Now thanks be <u>to God</u> Who <u>always</u> leads us in <u>triumph</u> <u>in Christ</u>, and through us diffuses the fragrance of His knowledge in every place."

Today, let's take a moment to think about these wonderful words in this verse.

• If you have this month's Partner Letter, or if you have downloaded this month's Bible Study Notes, notice the words that are underlined:

to God... always... triumph... in Christ... His knowledge... in every place.

Let's focus on the underlined words as we read that verse again and let the Holy Spirit show you some things—because in that one verse is revelation.

"Now thanks be <u>to God</u> Who <u>always</u> leads us in <u>triumph</u> <u>in Christ</u>, and through us diffuses the fragrance of <u>His knowledge</u> <u>in every place</u>."

This verse is pregnant with great expectation that we will have great results in Christ.

• That word "diffuses" is also translated "manifests" or "spreads."

Every triumph in Christ is an opportunity to diffuse, manifest, and spread knowledge about our wonderful God in every place.

Let's read 2 Corinthians 2:14 again in the Amplified Bible, Classic Edition (AMPC):

"But thanks be to God, Who in Christ always leads us in triumph [as trophies of Christ's victory] and through us spreads and makes evident the fragrance of the knowledge of God everywhere."

*Group Discussion: Does this verse inspire you to tell someone about a victory that you have experienced in your life?

God created you to be a gleaming trophy of Christ's victory over death, hell and the grave.

• God expects us to spread the Good News about our victorious life through Christ.

*Instruct the group to turn to Colossians 2:12-15.

We want everyone, everywhere to know about this life of victory that is available to anyone who believes on the name of Jesus.

- This knowledge is too precious to keep to ourselves.
- As Jesse often says, salvation is free but it definitely isn't cheap.
- Jesus won our victory with His precious blood on a cruel cross.

*Invite someone in the group to read Colossians 2:12-15 The Passion Translation (TPT):

"For we've been buried with Him into His death. Our "baptism into death" also means we were raised with Him when we believed in God's resurrection power, the power that raised Him from death's realm. This "realm of death" describes our former state, for we were held in sin's grasp. But now, we've been resurrected out of that "realm of death" never to return, for we are forever alive and forgiven of all our sins! He canceled out every legal violation we had on our record and the old arrest warrant that stood to indict us. He erased it all—our sins, our stained soul—He deleted it all and they cannot be retrieved! Everything we once were in Adam has been placed onto His cross and nailed permanently there as a public display of cancellation. Then Jesus made a public spectacle of all the powers and principalities of darkness, stripping away from them every weapon and all their spiritual authority and power to accuse us. And by the power of the cross, Jesus led them around as prisoners in a procession of triumph. He was not their prisoner; they were His!"

Think about what the resurrection power of Jesus did in hell and to the plans of the devil.

- Jesus made a public spectacle of all the powers and principalities of darkness.
- He stripped away every weapon and all spiritual authority of the devil.

Jesus did this so you can expect God to always lead you to triumph!

Affirmations to declare this week:

- 1. I'm fully persuaded that what God has promised, He is able to perform. I have great expectation that whatever I commit to Him will succeed!
- 2. I don't do anything alone—God is with me, helping me in everything I do. As I live in Christ, He always leads me to triumph!

Close in Prayer

2nd Week June 2020 Bible Study Notes

Open Bible Study in prayer (led by the group leader or someone they choose).

Let's declare our theme for this year: Great Expectation Gets Great Results!

• Every time we think about those words, our spirits rejoice!

*Instruct the group to turn to this month's foundation text in 2 Corinthians 2:14.

In our Bible Study all this month, you will learn to "Expect God to Always Lead You to Triumph!"

• We must have GREAT expectations that God will do what He promised.

*Invite someone in the group to read 2 Corinthians 2:14 NKJV:

"Now thanks be <u>to God</u> Who <u>always</u> leads us in <u>triumph</u> <u>in Christ</u>, and through us diffuses the fragrance of <u>His knowledge</u> <u>in every place</u>."

Our lives are not lives of hopeless internal strife but of unbroken Christian victory.

• We need to let go of fear and grab hold of our faith.

Many Christians say they "believe" but constantly talk, live, and act in fear.

• Fear is a cog in the wheel of a believer's success and it is an internal form of strife.

*Instruct the group to turn to James 1:8 KJV.

Fear creates a broken state of mind for a believer and brings instability.

*Invite someone in the group to read James 1:8 KJV:

"A double-minded man is unstable in all his ways."

No matter what a double-minded person does, they are easily shaken and their mind isn't focused. *Group Discussion: Do you know what happens when you decide to let go of fear and grab hold of faith?

Faith creates a different energy and it's very focused.

*Instruct the group to turn to Numbers 23:19.

Faith is not based on our performance but on God's performance.

• Faith trusts and relies on God knowing He is fully able to do what He said.

*Invite someone in the group to read Numbers 23:19 KJV:

"God is not a man, that He should lie; neither the son of man, that He should repent: hath He said, and shall He not do it? or hath He spoken, and shall He not make it good?"

Faith is knowing that God isn't a man that He should lie.

• God always keeps His Word!

Fear says, "I alone have to make this happen. I alone am the reason I will succeed."

- Fear is a form of pride that doubts God's truthfulness, ability, and power.
- It looks at life and takes all the success or failure as its own burden.

Faith, however, casts its care upon the Lord.

• Faith says, "It's in God that I live and move and have my being. It's with God that all things are possible. My victory is connected to my faith in God and my good works. I don't do anything alone; God helps me in everything I do! My success is His success, and whatever I do or gain, I do or gain because He is with me."

Faith is an unbroken state of Christian victory because faith connects us to Christ, in Whom there is no failure.

Let's look again at our foundation text in 2 Corinthians 2:14 NKJV:

"Now thanks be <u>to God</u> Who <u>always</u> leads us in <u>triumph</u> <u>in Christ</u>, and through us diffuses the fragrance of <u>His knowledge in every place</u>."

*Group Discussion: Why do we thank God?

- We thank God because He is the One Who sent Christ.
- And, because Christ won the victory on the cross, we can have victory in life.

Notice He always leads us in triumph.

• The question is, are we following His lead or doing things on our own?

It's time to let go of fear.

- Notice how the world around us lives and is ruled by it.
- Notice how unstable the world is when fear rules.
- Notice how that broken state of internal strife just leads to more worry, more anxiety, and more problems.

We can't be moved by what we see if we want to triumph.

• We must be moved by what we believe.

*Instruct the group to turn to Hebrews 11:6.

Most people think that doing charitable acts are the only way to please God.

• In fact, according to God, faith is the only thing that can please Him, no matter what else we do.

*Invite someone in the group to read Hebrews 11:6 KJV:

"But without faith it is impossible to please Him: for he that cometh to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him."

*Group Discussion: Does this verse inspire you to grab hold of faith and seek Him?

We rely on what the Word of God says.

• His Word says if we have faith, He is pleased with us.

If we rely on His Word, whatever area we are focusing on will come up!

• We get blessed when we follow His lead and live by faith in Him.

*Instruct the group to turn to Romans 10:17.

Remember, we aren't judged a success or failure by what the world says.

• We strengthen our faith by one thing alone.

*Invite someone in the group to read Romans 10:17 KJV:

"So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God."

Grab hold of your faith and decide to have great expectations.

• Start seeing faith in God as an antidote for instability and a troubled heart.

Faith is an unbroken state of Christian victory.

• It's needful not only in our own lives but in the world.

As believers, we build ourselves up in our most holy faith so that we might turn and give the world what it needs.

- Everyone in the world needs real hope, stability, faith, love, and the strengthening joy of the Lord.
- And all of that comes when we all let go of fear and grab hold of God's Word by faith.

Affirmations to declare this week:

- 1. I let go of fear—it's a broken state of internal strife and I will not be double-minded. I am stable and strong, and God is with me in every situation.
- 2. I grab hold of faith—it's an unbroken state of Christian victory. I build myself up in faith so that I might give the world what it needs.

Close in Prayer.

3rd Week June 2020 Bible Study Notes

Open Bible Study in prayer (led by the group leader or someone they choose).

We need to keep declaring our theme this year: Great Expectation Gets Great Results!

• Each time we say our theme, we raise our expectations in what God can do through us.

*Instruct the group to turn to 2 Corinthians 2:14 for this month's foundation text.

Let's continue this month's Bible Study titled: "Expect God to Always Lead You to Triumph!" *Invite someone in the group to read 2 Corinthians 2:14 NKJV:

"Now thanks be <u>to God</u> Who <u>always</u> leads us in <u>triumph</u> <u>in Christ</u>, and through us diffuses the fragrance of <u>His knowledge in every place</u>."

In today's study, we will see that there is an irresistible charm to living in Christ.

• We should diffuse the fragrance of Christ's knowledge in every place

People may not understand the joy that's in our life.

- Even when the devil tries to take us down, we just do better.
- Some think that a natural confidence enables us to take the heat of being attacked and gives us stamina, but that's not the way it works!

It's our faith in God that keeps us in times of trouble.

• It's His joy that gives us strength.

We gain His joy every time we fellowship with Him and put Him first.

- We must have a true desire to be led by God.
- We must know that we can't be led by Him unless we put Him first.
- We must have faith that God is leading us and refuse to doubt.

If we stick with God, He will always lead us to triumph.

• We win no matter what because faith is about pleasing God and not about pleasing people.

This walk with God is not a fairytale—it's a living reality.

- If you let God lead you, He will only lead you to triumph in Him.
- When you have faith in that, you start getting an attitude about the troubles of life.
- They don't throw you around so much.
- You aren't unstable in fear anymore but are stable and secure in faith on the inside.

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*Group Discussion: Has our study helped you to know how to respond to trouble?

Christ is already triumphant, and so is our victory in Him.

- We are like trophies of His victory—and He's got millions of trophies walking around.
- We shine to this world because He shines through us, and we smell good, too.

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- If you knew what perfume it was, you may even see where you can buy some of it!
- Why? Because that fragrance was irresistible.

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- When we live in Christ, it "diffuses the fragrance of <u>His knowledge</u> in every place."
- The world should see what we do and inhale the warm and sweet fragrance of Christ in us. *Instruct the group to turn to 2 Timothy 4:2.

As diffusers of His knowledge, we are leaving trails of His Spirit in every place that we go.

• We need to know something about Christ and how to live His way—merciful, loving, strong, bold, silent at times, and full of words at other times.

*Invite someone in the group to read 2 Timothy 4:2 KJV:

"Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine."

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*Group Discussion: Is there someone that did something that made them memorable to you?

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• We should love seeing what God can do, bringing hope to others, and seeing others triumph.

There's enough triumph for everybody in Christ—there is zero lack in Him.

- So, let's have faith and expect great things, no matter what trouble comes in the world.
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• When we allow Christ to lead us to triumph in Him, we also leave a sweet fragrance for others every place we go, through our attitude and interactions with others.

Let's become irresistible to those in need.

• Let's tell them that Jesus is ready to take them by the hand. He's saying, "Trust Me, have faith in Me, and let Me lead. I have some adventures and some triumph I want to share with you!"

Affirmations to declare this week:

- 1. The joy of the Lord is my strength! I don't have regular confidence; I've got faith that God always leads me to triumph in Christ.
- 2. In Christ, I have an irresistible charm—like a wonderful fragrance leaving trails of His goodness every place I go.
- 3. I don't live in la-la land; I live in faith and look reality square in the eye. I don't deny problems; I deny the problem's right to remain.

Close in Prayer.

4th Week June 2020 Bible Study Notes

Open Bible Study in prayer (led by the group leader or someone they choose).

Each week we have been declaring our theme for this year.

- Let's say it together: Great Expectation Gets Great Results!
- Each time we think about these words and say them, our spirits rejoice and we raise our expectations in what God can do through us.
- We expect to be of good cheer knowing He overcame the world, and we will overcome too!

*Instruct the group to turn to 2 Corinthians 2:14 for this month's foundation text.

All this month we have been learning to: "Expect God to Always Lead You to Triumph!" *Invite someone in the group to read 2 Corinthians 2:14 NKJV:

"Now thanks be <u>to God</u> Who <u>always</u> leads us in <u>triumph</u> <u>in Christ</u>, and through us diffuses the fragrance of His knowledge in every place."

Everyone's faith must become an expression of Christ.

• Everyone's faith should become an utterance to all mankind.

Where I go, you may not be able to go...but Jesus goes with me.

• Where you go, I may not be able to go...but Jesus goes with you.

Don't just carry a message—be a message.

• Let Jesus be in your voice, and let triumph be your great expectation

*Instruct the group to turn to 1 Corinthians 2:1-5.

We can change what we see with what we believe.

• It doesn't matter what it looks like; it matters what we believe.

Our faith is what this world needs, and our faith is founded in Christ Jesus.

*Group Discussion: Instead of carrying a message, how can you be a message?

A human life lived in Christ becomes a voice for divine truth.

• In Christ, the cross shines through our eyes and the truth comes through our mouth.

Even if we speak the truth in a trembled voice, it's more powerful and meaningful than anything this world or Satan can ever say.

*Invite someone in the group to read 1 Corinthians 2:1-5 KJV:

"And I, brethren, when I came to you, came not with excellency of speech or of wisdom, declaring unto you the testimony of God. For I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and Him crucified. And I was with you in weakness, and in fear, and in much trembling. And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power: That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God."

When we live in Christ, the knowledge of Him and His way of living throbs out of every move we make.

• We can affect everything around us for good and leave the world better than when we came.

When we come with great expectation that God can use us, we get great results that He is using us!

- The only Jesus some people will ever see is the Jesus in you or the Jesus in me.
- We triumph when we let Him lead us.

It doesn't matter what we see; it matters that we have faith in what God said.

- The outcomes are His, the obedience is ours.
- No matter what, when we have faith in Him, we win!

We must not blow hot and cold with the same breath!

- This glorious Gospel is too glorious for that.
- We want to see this world touched with the knowledge of Jesus.

*Instruct the group to turn to Romans 10:9-15.

We want everyone to know it's not hard to be triumphant in this life.

- With Jesus, it's hard NOT to triumph.
- That's why we share the Word so much.
- That's why we do what we do.
- We want people to find Christ and find hope for a new life of faith.

There are a lot of people looking for somebody to believe in—they follow celebrities, athletes, political figures, and so many others.

- There are many good people in the world, but we like what that great, old preacher Charles Spurgeon said:
- "I believe in no man's infallibility, but it is restful to feel sure of one man's integrity and that is Jesus!"

There is no man worth following more than Jesus—and that is simple faith at its best.

• You can't get higher than Jesus!

*Group Discussion: Is there someone that you know that needs to find Christ?

Knowing Him is life-changing and that's what this ministry is all about.

*Invite someone in the group to read Romans 10:9-15 KJV:

"That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on Him shall not be ashamed. For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon Him. For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. How then shall they call on Him in Whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in Him of Whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!"

Reaching people and changing lives, one soul at a time, is the vision of this ministry.

• We are leading people to Christ and we are discipling believers through the faith-filled messages we share all around the world.

We hope you have enjoyed the Bible Study and have great expectation that you are always going to get great results.

- You can be of good cheer knowing He overcame the world, and you will overcome too!
- Until next time, read 2 Corinthians 2:14 again and again...remind yourself that *you* are *in Christ*, *led* by Him, and the only option for you is *triumph*!

Affirmations to declare this week:

- 1. I expect to always triumph in Christ! No matter the trouble, I am of good cheer—Jesus overcame the world. He always leads me to triumph in Him!
- 2. I don't just carry a message; I *am* a message! My life in Christ becomes a voice for divine truth. I'm an expression of Christ everywhere I go.
- 3. I triumph when I let Him lead me. The outcomes are His, the obedience is mine, and no matter what, when I have faith in Him, I win!

Close in Prayer.