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Dear Partner,

Lately, I've been noticing how often our desires are rooted in *expectation*. Have you ever stopped and noticed how much people *expect* in life? Maybe you've seen somebody irritated that they're sick, or frustrated that they're broke. It begins early in life.

You may have heard a child say, "That's not fair!" Just saying this shows that, as children, we *expect* fairness to be normal. Until the world teaches us differently, we expect fairness. We expect our bodies to work well. We expect to have enough. And we expect to go in the direction of the dreams we have deep in our heart. Where does that expectation come from, and why do we have it?

Let's Walk By Faith and Not By Sight

We Only Have One True Source

"Great Expectation Gets Great Results" is the theme God gave me for this year—and I believe God wants us to recognize that we were *created* with a built-in need to have great expectation in life. The problem comes when we start looking to other things and to people as our Source, when God wants us to look only to Him as our Source. I believe that we can tell who or what we think is our "source" by where we direct our deepest expectations—who we look to in order to meet our needs, wants, and core desires in this life.

Partner, God does *not* want to be second place in the life that He gave us. He wants no other gods before Him. **God wants us to know that He alone is our Source.** He wants us to have faith in Him to do the job, and not turn over the reins to somebody or something else. Nothing can fulfill the needs of our heart and our lives like God can! Our expectations in life were never meant to be placed on people or other things—our faith should be in God. Who can compare to Him? Who gave us this breath of life coursing through our body? Does anyone but God have real power over our soul? If God is for us, who or what can really be against us? We serve a God Who wants His children to have faith in Him—and to rely upon Him as our Source in life. In Him we live, and move, and have our being (Acts 17:28).

We were created by God with a built-in need to communicate *with* Him, and to believe and receive *from* Him every moment of our lives. Think about that! We are a majority with God. We are not a minority, even if we're the only believer we know. Why do we feel so out of sorts in this world sometimes? The Word tells us that we are not from here and that when we die, we will not stay here (John 14:3). That's because although we are *in* this world, we are not *of* this world (John 15:19). We are *of* God.

We can have great expectation and get great results because we are in relationship with God and have access to ALL that is good in this life. If it pertains to life and godliness, then it comes from the Source of life and godliness (2 Peter 1:3).

You see, each of us is a spirit. That's the real us. We have a soul (mind, will, and emotions), and we live in a body. The Word is spiritual because God is a Spirit, and He wants to connect with us on that level. **We're called to live from our spirit more than we live from our flesh.**

It's through our spirit that we commune with God, and so our spirit needs to be stronger. You could say we are *in* this flesh but not *of* this flesh! Our goal is to become more led by our spirit as we move from birth to death. That's why His Word in 2 Corinthians 5:7 encourages us to walk by faith and not by sight. We've got *plenty* of experience living in the flesh, but what we need is to practice living out of our spirit. This is where hope and faith come in. They are forms of great expectation and require that we see God as our Source.

We're Not Forgiven Sinners; We're New Creatures in Christ

Our Expectations Shift When We Realize Who We Are

Living by faith is an adventure, and to do it well, we have to recognize our place as God's *children*—not God's adults! Living in fear, worry, and anxiety is miserable—but living by faith is a joy to me and brings more peace. It's what makes living for Jesus so much fun, don't you think, Partner? I love being God's *child*!

God wants us to have faith in Him. He's told us in Luke 1:37 that nothing is impossible with Him...but we have to be with Him! The Word in Hebrews 11:6 tells us it's impossible to please God *without* faith. He wants us to believe that He is Who He says He is and believe that He can *do* what He says He can do. He wants us to know that what is impossible with man is possible with God—if we have faith! You see, we can limit our victory by lowering our expectations. We can limit our victory by putting our expectations in the wrong place. But, Partner, we can see our greatest expectations become our greatest results if we have faith in God.

When we turn to God, it puts the devil on notice that we have victory over him and all of his cohorts. Anyone motivated by the devil is going to hate those who are born of God.

Being born of God is an immaculate conception of spirit. We are no longer estranged from our Father. Instead, we become unified with God through our acceptance of Jesus' sacrifice on the cross. God's Holy Spirit fills our spirit and we become something altogether new. The devil hates this! It's why he fights Christians with everything he's got.

In 1 John 5:4 it says, "*For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith.*" Partner, that's why we believe "Great Expectation Gets Great Results." We have been "born of God," and this means that no matter what happens in the world, we are overcomers. Our faith is linked to our victory.

We are not forgiven sinners; we are new creatures in Christ (2 Corinthians 5:17). **Every part of our spiritual birth came through one substance: FAITH.** Don't you just love what the victory of faith does? It opens up our ability to know God and receive from God. It opens our eyes to the wisdom of His Word, which helps us to live life the way we were created to live it—not the way the world has told us we should live it!

As new creatures in Christ, our expectations move from what we can do on our own to what we can do with God at the center of our lives. Our expectations shift from making people and other things our source to recognizing that we really only have One Source in life, and that's our Father. We start seeing that what He says is more important than what people say. We value His Word for what it is—life!

We also start seeing that God's approval is more important than the world's approval. That's freeing because we know God approves of us the moment we have faith and accept Christ. **If it's impossible to please Him *without* faith, then we know that we can please Him *with* faith.** He washes all our sins away, never to be remembered against us anymore. He teaches us through His Word that there is nothing impossible with Him, and that even the nature of reality will shift with the power of our belief. Healing, blessings, and favor move from impossible to possible when we focus our faith in Him as our Source.

Let's Realize that Our Victory Is in Our "Knowing"

We Must Have a Spirit of Confidence and Faith

I believe that no matter what you need or desire in life, no matter what your hopes and dreams are today, God can help you get it or do it! Don't focus on your past; focus on the Lord. No matter what is going on, remember what 1 John 5:4 says: "*For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith.*" I don't know about you, but that kind of thinking makes my day every day! I'd rather have faith and overcome, wouldn't you?

All human life and all human success lie in the spirit of confidence and faith. It takes confidence and faith to say what Paul said in 2 Timothy 1:12: "*...I know Whom I have believed, and am persuaded that He is able to keep that which I have committed unto Him against that day.*"

I love the apostle Paul's understanding of faith. He went beyond believing to knowing. Every day, we should push ourselves to believe more in the power of our God. We do that by getting to *know* Him, *Whom we have believed!*

You see, Partner, it was Paul's overcoming faith, even under great persecution, that made him a winner. His success was in his knowing, and out of that knowing came the spirit of confidence and faith. **Paul's great expectation was producing great results.** He was writing encouragement to others even in a jail cell. Why? Because the circumstance was not in Paul's heart—Jesus was in his heart. He knew that with God, he would not only overcome the personal circumstance but would also spread the good news to others *during* the circumstance. You must be full in order to give something to another—and Paul was full, even in the hardship.

Every day, faith has a conquest. It fights the conflict between good and evil. God has an enemy who comes to steal, kill, and destroy—but Jesus came that we might have life, and have it in abundance (John 10:10). Part of our “life” as believers is living with a deep-rooted knowledge that we are winners. Period! You see, Partner, when you were born of God, you were saved by grace through faith, and the “victory that overcame the world” came to live in you. This is why, as Christians, we don't “become” what we should “overcome” through faith. We see the truth that we've won, no matter what the devil tries to do.

Paul could have *become* locked up in spirit when they locked him up in the flesh, but he didn't become anything of the sort. Paul just displayed even more of his victorious nature. Jesus was front and center in Paul's mind. He did not lose sight of his faith in the grace of God or his purpose as an encourager and minister of the Gospel. He still preached while he was locked up, and we are reading about him today. Partner, they could lock Paul up in body, but they could not stop God's purpose in his life. Paul was spreading the truth because he knew he was a winner in Christ no matter what!

As believers, we must form habits of victory and righteousness. That means we need to see ourselves as victorious and righteous in Christ in all circumstances. We can't rehearse the problem all the time and expect to build our faith in the Answer. Paul didn't rehearse his situation in fear and doubt because his eyes weren't on the bars; he rehearsed his Answer in faith because his eyes were on the prize. This is how Paul won the victory—through faith in Christ.

Don't you like winning? I certainly do! Partner, according to the Word, we have already won. We need to cast down natural thoughts that fixate on problems and move our thoughts to the Word. This will give us directions for how to live life—and how to overcome whatever obstacle comes up. Each of us has a purpose, and the Gospel is bigger than any one of us. We are called to be God's children and have faith in His power. We've got directions! All we have to do is follow the directions, and they are the holy Word of God. Every part of the Word is for this life.

Believing Is the Seed, and Knowing Is the Harvest

Let's Fight the Good Fight of Faith

Our life on earth is a temporary experience, and we will have challenges to overcome, but we can have joy and peace no matter what's going on, if we keep our faith in God and our eyes on Jesus. **We are instructed to put our great expectation in the One Who is *not* in this world so that we can get great results *in* this world.**

Never forget that we are eternal beings bound for Heaven. God is in Heaven, Jesus is at His right side, and the Holy Spirit is in the earth and in us, and He's *moving!* Heaven and earth are two different places, but *faith* is the victory that overcomes the world *we* live in every day! Are you getting this, Partner?

As children, we couldn't learn much of anything without having faith. We had to listen and believe in the teacher to learn. Well, Partner, God is our Teacher, and His Word says that the Holy Spirit is here to guide us in the truth. John 16:13 tells us, “*Howbeit when He, the Spirit of Truth, is come, He will guide you into all truth: for He shall not speak of Himself; but whatsoever He shall hear, that shall He speak....*”

We must believe before we can know. After all, if we didn't *believe* in the Spirit of Truth, we'd never get to the place of *knowing* the truth. Belief is the seed, and knowing is the harvest. **You must fight for what you believe in.** If God calls you a winner, then you are. You need to fight for what you believe in by doing what the Word says in 1 Timothy 6:12 and fight the good fight of faith. Notice it didn't say you are to fight other people or fight faith itself. You fight *for* faith; not against faith—because it's through faith that you have the victory. So, you are enforcing your victory every time you fight the good fight of faith.

Partner, I believe that this theme—“Great Expectation Gets Great Results”—is a lifelong business, a continuous triumph, and an everyday fight.

Life is not easy, I know that, but it's much more livable when you know you've already won! So, don't fight faith. Faith is your partner in life, and we're in this life together. Let's grab the hand of faith and complete our destinies in Christ! Let's put God front and center, where He should be—the Source of our life, and everything we need or desire. God is on our side, Partner, and I know that together, we are winners going somewhere to win!

Thank you for helping me to do this great work for Jesus Christ. Without your faithful prayers and support, it couldn't be done on such a global scale. Every day, we are reaching more people and sharing the Word that changes lives forever. I see your support as the fuel that this ministry burns to keep promoting God's Word and teaching the principles of overcoming life—and I thank God that you care so much about others. I want you to know that Cathy and I are praying for you every day.

I also want you to know that your support is not only stopping people from going to hell, but it's also helping them to learn how to bring Heaven's ways right down here to earth. I believe Jesus is pleased with us because we are sharing His love and encouraging everyone to put their faith in the only true Source.

Together with you, I'm proud to help people find hope and faith in Jesus—to share His everlasting love with the world. Thank you so much for all you do for the Lord. Until next time, let's remember that great expectation gets great results—so, let's *expect* more and *get* more by using our winning faith!

Love You,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jesse', with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Jesse Duplantis

P.S. For your July Partnership of \$50 or more, you'll want to request my message, ***Keep the Faith*** (available on DVD, CD, or both formats). And for your July 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. Remember, you can also download the Partner Letter and new Bible Study Notes at JDM.org, as well as tune in to our YouTube Channel to watch "Voice of the Covenant Bible Study" with Cathy for her in-depth teaching of the Partner Letter. And finally, we hope you're able to join us July 16-17 right here at JDM Int'l Headquarters for our **2020 Visionary Conference**. It's FREE and open to all. We're looking forward to what God has in store!



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



This Is the **VICTORY** That
Overcomes the World—
Your FAITH!

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July 2020
Partner Letter Bible Study Notes

This Is the Victory That Overcomes the World—Your FAITH!

1st Week July 2020 Bible Study Notes

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

In our last Bible Study, we learned to “Expect God to Always Lead You to Triumph!”

- Today we will begin our Bible Study titled: “This Is the Victory That Overcomes the World—Your FAITH!”

***Instruct the group to turn to Romans 8:31.**

Notice how often our desires are rooted in *expectation* and how much we *expect* in life.

- Maybe you’ve seen somebody irritated that they’re sick, or frustrated that they’re broke.

Expectation actually begins early in life. You may have heard a child say, “That’s not fair!”

- Just saying this statement shows that, as children, we *expect* fairness to be normal.

Until the world teaches us differently, we expect fairness.

- We expect our bodies to work well and we expect to have enough.
- We expect to go in the direction of the dreams that we have deep in our heart.

***Group Discussion: Where does that expectation come from, and why do we have it?**

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- God *created* us with a built-in need to have great expectation in life.

The problem comes when we start looking to other things and to people as our Source.

- God wants us to look only to Him as our Source.

We can tell who or what is our “source” by where we direct our deepest expectations and who we look to in order to meet our needs, wants, and core desires in this life.

- God does *not* want to be second place in the life that He gave us.
- He wants no other gods before Him and wants us to know that He alone is our Source.
- He wants us to have faith in Him to do the job, and not turn over the reins to somebody or something else.

Nothing can fulfill the needs of our heart and our lives like God can!

- Our expectations in life were never meant to be placed on people or other things.
- Our faith should be in God.

***Invite someone in the group to read Romans 8:31 KJV:**

“What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?”

Meditate on that verse and ask yourself these four questions:

1. Who can compare to Him?
2. Who gave us this breath of life coursing through our body?
3. Does anyone but God have real power over our soul?
4. If God is for us, who or what can really be against us?

***Instruct the group to turn to Acts 17:28.**

We serve a God Who wants His children to have faith in Him.

- God wants us to rely upon Him as our Source in life.

God is our Source in life and gave us world overcoming victory through faith in Him.

***Invite someone in the group to read Acts 17:28 KJV:**

“For in Him we live, and move, and have our being; as certain also of your own poets have said, For we are also His offspring.”

We were created by God with a built-in need to communicate *with* Him, and to believe and receive *from* Him every moment of our lives.

- Think about that! We are a majority with God.
- We are not a minority, even if we're the only believer we know.

***Instruct the group to turn to John 14:3 and John 15:19.**

***Group Discussion: Why do we feel so out of sorts in this world sometimes?**

The Word tells us that we are not from here and that when we die, we will not stay here.

- That's because although we are *in* this world, we are not *of* this world. We are *of* God.

***Invite someone in the group to read John 14:3 KJV:**

"And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto Myself; that where I am there ye may be also."

***Invite someone in the group to read John 15:19 KJV:**

"If ye were of the world, the world would love his own; but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you."

***Instruct the group to turn to 2 Peter 1:3-4.**

We can have great expectation and get great results when we are in relationship with God.

- With Him, we have access to ALL that is good in this life.

***Invite someone in the group to read 2 Peter 1:3-4 KJV:**

"According as His divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him that hath called us to glory and virtue: Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust."

If it pertains to life and godliness, then it comes from the Source of life and godliness

- You see, each of us is a spirit. That's the real us.
- We have a soul (mind, will, and emotions), and we live in a body.

The Word is spiritual because God is a Spirit, and He wants to connect with us on that level.

***Instruct the group to turn to 2 Corinthians 5:7.**

We're called to live from our spirit more than we live from our flesh.

- It's through our spirit that we commune with God, and so our spirit needs to be stronger.
- You could say we are *in* this flesh but not *of* this flesh!

Our goal is to become more led by our spirit as we move from birth to death.

- That's why His Word encourages us to walk by faith and not by sight.

***Invite someone in the group to read 2 Corinthians 5:7 KJV:**

"(For we walk by faith, not by sight:)"

We've got *plenty* of experience living in the flesh, but what we need is to practice living out of our spirit.

- This is where hope and faith come in.
- They are forms of great expectation and require that we see God as our Source.

Affirmations to declare this week:

- I know my Source is God—my great expectation is to Him and Him alone. No other person or thing in life can do what God can do for me!
- God created me to communicate with Him and to believe and receive from Him every moment of my life—I have access in Him to all that is good!
- I walk by faith and not by sight! I'm in the world but not of it—I am a spirit, and I'm learning to live from my spirit more each day.

Close in Prayer.

This Is the Victory That Overcomes the World—Your FAITH!

2nd Week July 2020 Bible Study Notes

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

Today, we will continue with our Bible Study titled: “This Is the Victory That Overcomes the World—Your FAITH!”

*Instruct the group to turn to Luke 1:37.

Living by faith is an adventure, and to do it well, we have to recognize our place as God’s *children*—not God’s adults!

- Living in fear, worry, and anxiety is miserable—but living by faith is a joy and brings more peace.
- It’s what makes living for Jesus so much fun! We should love being God’s *child*!

God wants us to have faith in Him.

*Invite someone in the group to read Luke 1:37:

“For with God nothing shall be impossible.”

This verse tells us that nothing is impossible with Him

- But we have to be with Him!

*Group Discussion: Is there something in your life that you know is now possible because you are with God?

Our expectations shift when we realize who we are.

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

*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.”

This powerful verse tells us it’s impossible to please God *without* faith.

- He wants us to believe that He is Who He says He is
- He wants us to believe that He can *do* what He says He can do.
- He wants us to know that what is impossible with man is possible with God—if we have faith.

*Instruct the group to turn to 1 John 5:4.

You see, we can limit our victory by lowering our expectations.

- We can limit our victory by putting our expectations in the wrong place.
- But if we have faith in God, we can see our greatest expectations become our greatest results.

When we turn to God, it puts the devil on notice that we have victory over him and all of his cohorts.

- Anyone motivated by the devil is going to hate those who are born of God.

Being born of God is an immaculate conception of spirit.

- We are no longer estranged from our Father.
- Instead, we become unified with God through our acceptance of Jesus’ sacrifice on the cross.
- God’s Holy Spirit fills our spirit and we become something altogether new.
- The devil hates this! It’s why he fights Christians with everything he’s got.

***Invite someone in the group to read 1 John 5:4 KJV:**

“For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith.”

This verse is why we believe our theme for this year: “Great Expectation Gets Great Results.”

- We have been “born of God.”
- This means that no matter what happens in the world, we are overcomers.

***Instruct the group to turn to 2 Corinthians 5:17.**

Our faith is linked to our victory.

- We are not forgiven sinners; we are new creatures in Christ.

***Invite someone in the group to read 2 Corinthians 5:17 KJV:**

“Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.”

Every part of our spiritual birth came through one substance: FAITH.

- Don’t you just love what the victory of faith does?
- It opens up our ability to know God and receive from God.
- It opens our eyes to the wisdom of His Word, which helps us to live life the way we were created to live it—not the way the world has told us we should live it!

***Group Discussion: How has your new birth changed the way you think and live your life?**

As new creatures in Christ, our expectations move from what we can do on our own to what we can do with God at the center of our lives.

- Our expectations shift from making people and other things our source to recognizing that we really only have One Source in life, and that’s our Father.

We start seeing that what He says is more important than what people say.

- We value His Word for what it is—life!
- We also start seeing that God’s approval is more important than the world’s approval.
- That’s freeing because we know God approves of us the moment we have faith and accept Christ.

If it’s impossible to please Him *without* faith, then we know that we can please Him *with* faith.

- He washes all our sins away, never to be remembered against us anymore.

He teaches us through His Word that there is nothing impossible with Him, and that even the nature of reality will shift with the power of our belief.

- Healing, blessings, and favor move from impossible to possible when we focus our faith in Him as our Source.

Affirmations to declare this week:

- What is impossible with man is possible with God—all my greatest expectations become great results when I put my trust and faith in Him.
- I’m not a forgiven sinner; I’m a new creature in Christ—whatsoever is born of God overcomes the world, and I am born of God.
- This is the victory that overcomes the world—my faith! Healing, blessings, favor, and whatever I need and desire come when I focus my faith on His Word and Him as my Source.

Close in Prayer.

This Is the Victory That Overcomes the World—Your FAITH!

3rd Week July 2020 Bible Study Notes

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

“Great Expectation Gets Great Results” is the theme God gave us for this year.

- God *created* us with a built-in need to have great expectation in life.

***Instruct the group to turn to 1 John 5:4.**

We are continuing with our Bible Study titled: “This Is the Victory That Overcomes the World—Your FAITH!”

- We need to realize that our victory is in our “knowing.”
- We must have a spirit of confidence and faith.
- We must believe that no matter what we need or desire in life, no matter what our hopes and dreams are today, God can help us get it or do it!

Don’t focus on your past; focus on the Lord!

***Invite someone in the group to read 1 John 5:4 KJV:**

“For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith.”

No matter what is going on, remember that verse.

- This kind of thinking will make your day every day!
- This will renew your mind to the Word that says you can have faith and overcome.

***Instruct the group to turn to 2 Timothy 1:12.**

All human life and all human success lie in the spirit of confidence and faith.

***Group Discussion: Has knowing what the Word says about your victory given you confidence for success?**

It takes confidence and faith to say what the Word says.

***Invite someone in the group to read 2 Timothy 1:12 KJV:**

“For the which cause I also suffer these things: nevertheless I am not ashamed: for I know Whom I have believed, and am persuaded that He is able to keep that which I have committed unto Him against that day.”

This powerful verse shows us Paul’s understanding of faith.

- He went beyond believing to knowing.

Every day, we should push ourselves to believe more in the power of our God.

- We do that by getting to *know* Him, *Whom we have believed!*

You see, it was Paul’s overcoming faith, even under great persecution, that made him a winner.

- His success was in his knowing, and out of that knowing came the spirit of confidence and faith.

Paul’s great expectation was producing great results.

- He was writing encouragement to others even in a jail cell. Why?
- Because the circumstance was not in Paul’s heart—Jesus was in his heart.

He knew that with God, he would not only overcome the personal circumstance but would also spread the good news to others *during* the circumstance.

- You must be full in order to give something to another—and Paul was full, even in the hardship.

***Instruct the group to turn to John 10:10.**

Every day, faith has a conquest. It fights the conflict between good and evil.

***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.”

God has an enemy who comes to steal, kill, and destroy—but Jesus came that we might have life, and have it in abundance.

- Part of our “life” as believers is living with a deep-rooted knowledge that we are winners.
- When you were born of God, you were saved by grace through faith, and the “victory that overcame the world” came to live in you.

This is why, as Christians, we don’t “become” what we should “overcome” through faith.

- We see the truth that we’ve won, no matter what the devil tries to do.

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- Paul just displayed even more of his victorious nature.
- Jesus was front and center in Paul’s mind.

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- He still preached while he was locked up, and we are reading about him today.
- They could lock Paul up in body, but they could not stop God’s purpose in his life.
- Paul was spreading the truth because he knew he was a winner in Christ no matter what!

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- That means we need to see ourselves as victorious and righteous in Christ in all circumstances.
- We can’t rehearse the problem all the time and expect to build our faith in the Answer.

***Group Discussion: Have you ever caught yourself rehearsing the problem?**

Paul didn’t rehearse his situation in fear and doubt because his eyes weren’t on the bars.

- He rehearsed his Answer in faith because his eyes were on the prize.
- This is how Paul won the victory—through faith in Christ.

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- We need to cast down natural thoughts that fixate on problems and move our thoughts to the Word.
- This will give us directions for how to live life and how to overcome whatever obstacle comes up.

Each of us has a purpose, and the Gospel is bigger than any one of us.

- We are called to be God’s children and have faith in His power.

We’ve got directions!

- All we have to do is follow the directions, and they are the holy Word of God.
- Every part of the Word is for this life.

Affirmations to declare this week:

- I have a spirit of confidence and faith! My victory isn’t just in believing; it’s in knowing. Like the apostle Paul, I know Whom I have believed!
- Every day, my faith fights the conflict between good and evil—the devil may come to steal, kill, and destroy, but I overcome because I have faith in God!

Close in Prayer.

This Is the Victory That Overcomes the World—Your FAITH!

4th Week July 2020 Bible Study Notes

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

Today, we will conclude our Bible Study titled: “This Is the Victory That Overcomes the World—Your FAITH!”

*Instruct the group to turn to 1 John 5:4.

We began this study by seeing how often our desires are rooted in *expectation* and how much we *expect* in life.

- We expect our bodies to work well and we expect to have enough.
- We expect to go in the direction of the dreams that we have deep in our heart.

Living by faith is an adventure, and to do it well, we have to recognize our place as God’s children—not God’s adults!

- Living in fear, worry, and anxiety is miserable—but living by faith is a joy and brings more peace.

God *created* us with a built-in need to have great expectation in life.

- Remember the theme that God gave us for this year: “*Great Expectation Gets Great Results.*”

*Invite someone in the group to read 1 John 5:4 KJV:

“For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith.”

No matter what is going on, remember that verse.

- We have been “born of God.”
- This means that no matter what happens in the world, we are overcomers.

Our faith is linked to our victory.

*Group Discussion: Has this Bible Study increased your faith to expect victory in your life?

Our life on earth is a temporary experience, and we will have challenges to overcome, but we can have joy and peace no matter what’s going on, if we keep our faith in God and our eyes on Jesus.

- We are instructed to put our great expectation in the One Who is *not* in this world so that we can get great results *in* this world.

*Instruct the group to turn to John 16:13.

Never forget that we are eternal beings bound for Heaven.

- God is in Heaven, Jesus is at His right side, and the Holy Spirit is in the earth and in us, and He’s *moving*!
- Heaven and earth are two different places, but *faith* is the victory that overcomes the world we live in every day!

*Invite someone in the group to read John 16:13 KJV:

“Howbeit when He, the Spirit of truth, is come, He will guide you into all truth: for He shall not speak of Himself; but whatsoever He shall hear, that shall He speak: and He will shew you things to come.”

As children, we couldn’t learn much of anything without having faith.

- We had to listen and believe in the teacher to learn.
- Well, God is our Teacher, and His Word says that the Holy Spirit is here to guide us in the truth.

We must *believe* before we can *know*.

- After all, if we didn't *believe* in the Spirit of Truth, we'd never get to the place of *knowing* the truth.
- Belief is the seed, and knowing is the harvest.

***Instruct the group to turn to 1 Timothy 6:12.**

You must fight for what you believe in.

- If God calls you a winner, then you are.
- You need to fight for what you believe in by doing what the Word says.

***Invite someone in the group to read 1 Timothy 6:12:**

"Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses."

Notice it didn't say you are to fight other people or fight faith itself.

- You fight *for* faith; not against faith—because it's through faith that you have the victory.
- So, you are enforcing your victory every time you fight the good fight of faith.

We believe that our theme —“Great Expectation Gets Great Results”—is a lifelong business, a continuous triumph, and an everyday fight.

- Life is not easy, but it's much more livable when you know you've already won!
- So, don't fight faith.

Faith is your partner in life, and we're in this life together.

- Let's grab the hand of faith and complete our destinies in Christ!

Let's put God front and center, where He should be.

- He is the Source of our life, and everything we need or desire.

God is on our side, and together, we are winners going somewhere to win!

- We are stopping people from going to hell and helping them to learn how to bring Heaven's ways right down here to earth.
- Jesus is pleased with us as we share His love and encourage everyone to put their faith in the only true Source.

Together we can help people find hope and faith in Jesus.

- We can share His everlasting love with the world.

Remember that Great Expectation Gets Great Results.

- So, let's *expect* more and *get* more by using our winning faith!

Affirmations to declare this week:

- My great expectation is in the One Who is *not* in this world. I keep my eyes on Jesus and get great results *in* this world! God calls me a winner!
- Everything I need and desire come from God. I fight for everything I believe in. I enforce my victory every time I fight the good fight of faith. Great expectation gets great results!

Close in Prayer.