



August 2020

Dear Partner,

This theme, “Great Expectation Gets Great Results,” is a perfect theme for 2020. Why do I say that? I’m saying it because we all need to expect more this year for our family, our country, our job, and in our relationship with God. Satan is doing everything he can to stop you and me, but he picked the wrong people to mess with, Partner!

We are the body of Christ, and we are the most powerful force on the planet. Sometimes we may look at the world around us and forget that truth, but it doesn’t make it any less true! We are not in the minority no matter what Satan does. You, me, and God are always in the majority. Mark my words, God is on the scene and He will work in us and through us because we KNOW how to expect. Don’t let the things you are seeing steal your faith, your peace, or your joy. Great expectation gets great results. We will receive great results!

### **When the Storm Rages and Everybody Thinks It’s the End *Faith Overcomes, It Doesn’t Become***

Go with me now to Acts 27. I want you to read the story told in this chapter. Notice where Paul is—he’s on a ship in the sea, and nothing is going right. The storm is raging for a while, and nobody thinks they’re going to make it.

What I want you to see is how in the midst of a great storm that threatened to end their lives, Paul was doing two things differently than everyone else on the ship. Paul was *expecting* and *saying* what God said—and he was *not* expecting and *not* saying what the others were saying. He wasn’t moved by the storm. He was focused on the end result that *God* said would happen.

So, what did Paul say when everything was going to hell in a handbasket on that ship? He said what God said! He spoke the Word of God. Guess what happened? Paul got *everything* he said. That’s right. Even though it was a harrowing situation, Paul’s great *expectation* produced great results.

I love what Paul says in Acts 27:25 while the storm is raging, “*Wherefore, sirs, be of good cheer: for I believe God, that it shall be even as it was told me.*” Wow! In the midst of a great storm, Paul says, “*I believe God.*” Point one of my letter today is this: **In the midst of any storm, whether it’s physical, spiritual, or financial, when we believe God, we can have and show great calmness, great comfort, and great strength.**

Paul was a *prisoner* on that ship. Partner, he was not in charge physically. In fact, he was one of the least important to those in charge when he stepped onboard. Yet Paul had a great moral

influence—in the middle of the storm, he was brave, noble, helpful, and truly admirable. He was noticeably different, and it made him valuable to those who otherwise would have killed him. What made him act with such great calmness, comfort, and strength? It was his faith in God's Word over anything else that came against him. You see, faith *overcomes*, it doesn't *become*.

## **With Faith in God's Word, You Predict Your Own Good Future**

### ***Don't Stop Walking—Expect What Is Yours in God's Word***

The Word of God within us is a living power that predicts the future of our faith, not our doubt! So, point two is this: **The prophetic power of Christianity does not lie in idle dreaming, nor in the fanatical predicting of events. It is the certainty of the future brought to bear on the present.**

Partner, when you say what God says, you are making His words your words. In essence, it is with faith in His Word that you predict your own future. That's a powerful statement, and every bit of it is true. Never forget who you are in Christ Jesus. Build yourself up in your most holy faith.

I know that nobody likes storms in life. Nobody likes trouble. Remember that Psalm 23:4 says, "*Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil...*" —notice that it says to walk *through*. It doesn't say to stop walking. It doesn't say to accept your place in the valley and live there. No, it says to walk.

The miracle of faith happens as we walk, not as we stop. It doesn't happen if we just accept things as they look with our natural eyes. If the Word says that God wants you blessed, then accept that as your future. Expect what is yours in the Word.

Get scriptures that apply to your particular situation—expect and speak them as your good future. Consider them predictions of what is happening for you regardless of what's happening in the world. Jesus taught in Mark 11:24 that you should believe that you receive whatever you need or desire when you pray: "*What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.*" Your expectation is tied to your faith, and your faith predicts your future.

When we make the Word our expectation and we say it, we are predicting a future that is good, even though it may look like it's never going to happen. You can't be moved by what you see. Faith looks at death and sees a future life. Faith looks at a storm and sees a future calm. Faith looks more at God than at anything going on in the world today. Are you getting this?

## **Communion With God Keeps You Thinking Straight**

### ***Great Expectation's Twin Brother "Good Cheer" Shows Up***

You see, the apostle Paul didn't just say, "*I believe God,*" he also said, "*be of good cheer.*" Now, how can someone be of good cheer when everything is going wrong? That's going against the natural emotions of a person, isn't it? Yes, it is! I'll tell you how Paul could be of good cheer when everything was going wrong. He had great expectation. His expectation of God's saving hand on his life was greater than his expectation of the raging storm. Great expectation produces the emotion of joy. It's the twin brother of good cheer!

So, point three of my letter to you today is this: **When you have great expectation, its twin brother "good cheer" shows up and lightens the load of trouble.** I'm not just talking about optimism. Plenty of dreamers talk optimistically and still go down the drain! As believers, we don't just dream-talk, we faith-talk. We don't pretend or ignore; we look directly at what is wrong and speak the Word. We know our faith in God and His Word is a force that changes the future. As believers, our good cheer shows that we are very conscious of God's presence.

We must have a habit of communion with God. When you have communion with God, calmness and courage keep you thinking straight. You are not moved by what you see; you're

moved only by what you believe, and you receive the results. Partner, results are the answer to your faith. People may not see your faith, but they will definitely see your results. Glory! I don't know about you, but I like great results!

We should all be results-oriented. As you see in Acts 27, because the apostle Paul believed God more than the circumstances, all life was saved on that voyage. Partner, because you believe God, all will be saved on your voyage in life, too. How do I know that? I know because God's Word is more powerful than what's going on around you and me. I know in Whom I have believed—and I know you do, too!

You see, when you *know*, you become very convincing to other people in the midst of their trials and tribulations. Remember that Paul was in the ship with many other people and his faith saved their lives—but he also encouraged them in the middle of the storm. Nobody but Paul was saying what God said. Nobody but Paul had great expectation. Yet Paul's belief was enough to affect those traveling with him for good.


Sometimes it may look like you're a prisoner in your own life, like Paul was in that ship. But really, you are the *captain* of your ship. Although Paul was a bound prisoner, he was freer than anybody with him (2 Timothy 2:9). His great expectation was steering them all right out of death and into life. What God said would happen is exactly what Paul expected and repeated in faith. That gave him enough good cheer to spread around. *You* are the captain, Partner. Don't let that truth escape you. Remind yourself of Whose you are and put your trust in the Lord.

Thank you for all you do for this ministry, Partner. I know I say that in every letter, but I can't help but say thank you. Your faithful financial support tells me that you understand our vision. Cathy and I will never waste anything you sow into this ministry because we value your seed. Our heart is to keep reaching out to help people all over the world with the Good News of Jesus.

Together, we are reaching people and changing lives, one soul at a time. We are people of destiny moving toward our destination, Partner. God is with you, and He's with us. We are doing what He said and are determined to be of good cheer as we go! As you sow your seed today, believe for the 100-fold harvest. Don't lower your expectation in God; just stick with His Word. Believe that what God said, He can do!

Let's *expect* and *say* what God said no matter what. Our future is worth it, and who knows who we will affect for good in the process? Never forget that people around us are listening, and like Paul, we can take others with us into our good future. God is on our side, and together, I believe we will receive everything He has promised us in this life. Until next time, know that Cathy and I are praying for you. Great expectation gets great results, and we are expecting great things for you!

Love You,



Jesse Duplantis

P.S. For your August Partnership of \$50 or more this month, be sure to request my message, ***Increase Is Not an Accident, It's an Association*** (on DVD, CD, or both formats). And for your August Partnership of any amount, you can request this message on CD. See the enclosure for details or go to [JDM.org](http://JDM.org) and select "Donate" to get your copy today. You can also download this Partner Letter and the new Bible Study Notes for FREE at [JDM.org](http://JDM.org)—be blessed, Partner!





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



**I EXPECT MORE** for My Family,  
My Country, My Job, And In My  
Relationship with **God!**

*“Wherefore, sirs, be of good cheer: for I believe God, that it shall be even  
as it was told me.” (Acts 27:25)*

**August 2020**  
Partner Letter Bible Study Notes



# **Expect More for Your Family, Your Country, Your Job, and in Your Relationship with God!**

## **1<sup>st</sup> Week August 2020 Bible Study Notes**

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

**Our last Bible Study was titled: “This Is the Victory That Overcomes the World—Your FAITH!”**

- We saw that our desires are often rooted in *expectation* and how much we *expect* in life.
- Our God *created* us with a built-in need to have great expectation in life.

**In our Bible Study today, we will learn to: “Expect More for Your Family, Your Country, Your Job, and in Your Relationship with God!”**

- Our theme, “Great Expectation Gets Great Results,” is a perfect theme for 2020.
- We all need to expect more this year!

**\*Group Discussion: With all that is going on in the world, how can you expect more for your family, your country, your job, and in your relationship with God?**

**Satan is doing everything he can to stop you and me, but he picked the wrong people to mess with!**

- We are the body of Christ, and we are the most powerful force on the planet.
- Sometimes we may look at the world around us and forget that truth, but it doesn’t make it any less true!

**We are not in the minority no matter what Satan does.**

- You, me, and God are always in the majority.

**God is on the scene!**

- He will work in us and through us because we KNOW how to expect.

**Don’t let the things you are seeing steal your faith, your peace, or your joy.**

- Great expectation gets great results.
- We will receive great results!

**\*Instruct the group to turn to Acts 27.**

**When we first hear about Paul, he is a relentless persecutor of the Church.**

- That all changed when Jesus appeared to Paul on the Damascus road and called him to preach the Gospel to the Gentiles.

**Paul’s powerful testimony is recorded three times in the Book of Acts.**

- It is a good example for us that we should always be ready to share our testimony about how our lives have been changed by Jesus.

**In this chapter, Paul is on a ship in the sea, and nothing is going right.**

**\*Invite someone in the group to read Acts 27:9-11 KJV:**

*“Now when much time was spent, and when sailing was now dangerous, because the fast was now already past, Paul admonished them, And said unto them, Sirs, I perceive that this voyage will be with hurt and much damage, not only of the lading and ship, but also of our lives. Nevertheless the centurion believed the master and the owner of the ship, more than those things which were spoken by Paul.”*

**At this point in Paul’s life, he had been preaching for over twenty years.**

- He had been arrested and imprisoned for preaching the Gospel.
- He was now under guard and on the way to his trial in Rome.

**\*Invite someone in the group to read Acts 27:14 (KJV):**

*“But not long after there arose against it a tempestuous wind, called Euroclydon.”*

**The storm is raging for a while, and nobody thinks they’re going to make it.**

**\*Invite someone in the group to read Acts 27:19-25 (KJV):**

*“And the third day we cast out with our own hands the tackling of the ship. And when neither sun nor stars in many days appeared, and no small tempest lay on us, all hope that we should be saved was then taken away. But after long abstinence Paul stood forth in the midst of them, and said, Sirs, ye should have hearkened unto me, and not have loosed from Crete, and to have gained this harm and loss. And now I exhort you to be of good cheer: for there shall be no loss of any man’s life among you, but of the ship. For there stood by me this night the angel of God, Whose I am, and Whom I serve, Saying, Fear not, Paul; thou must be brought before Caesar: and, lo, God hath given thee all them that sail with thee. Wherefore, sirs, be of good cheer: for I believe God, that it shall be even as it was told me.”*

**In the midst of a great storm that threatened to end their lives, Paul was doing two things differently than everyone else on the ship.**

1. Paul was *expecting* and *saying* what God said.
2. And he was *not* expecting and *not* saying what the others were saying.

**Paul wasn’t moved by the storm.**

- He was focused on the end result that *God* said would happen.

**So, what did Paul say when everything was going to hell in a handbasket on that ship?**

- He said what God said!
- He spoke the Word of God.

**Guess what happened?**

- Paul got *everything* he said.
- Even though it was a harrowing situation, Paul’s great *expectation* produced great results.

**Let’s look again at verse 25 and think about what Paul says while the storm is raging.**

**\*Invite someone in the group to read Acts 27:25 KJV:**

*“Wherefore, sirs, be of good cheer: for I believe God, that it shall be even as it was told me.”*

**Wow! In the midst of a great storm, Paul says, “I believe God.”**

**\*Group Discussion: Is there something that you are believing God for right now?**

**When the storm rages and everybody thinks it’s the end, faith overcomes—it doesn’t become.**

- In the midst of any storm, whether it’s physical, spiritual, or financial, when we believe God, we can have and show great calmness, great comfort, and great strength.

**Affirmations to declare this week:**

1. I expect more for my family, my country, my job, and in my relationship with God. I have great expectation, and I will receive great results.
2. My God is on the scene and He will work in me and through me. I don’t let the things I am seeing steal my faith, my peace, or my joy.
3. I believe God. In the midst of any storm, whether it’s physical, spiritual, or financial, I can have and show great calmness, great comfort, and great strength.

**Close in Prayer.**

# **Expect More for Your Family, Your Country, Your Job, and in Your Relationship with God!**

## **2<sup>nd</sup> Week August 2020 Bible Study Notes**

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

**All this year we are declaring our theme: “Great Expectation Gets Great Results!”**

- When you consider everything going on in the world, this is a perfect theme.
- We all need to expect more this year!

**Today, we will continue our Bible Study titled: “Expect More for Your Family, Your Country, Your Job, and in Your Relationship with God!”**

**\*Instruct the group to turn to Acts 27:19.**

**In our last lesson, we saw what Paul did while he was in the midst of a great storm.**

- He said what God said!
- He spoke the Word of God.
- Paul’s great *expectation* produced great results.

**\*Invite someone in the group to read Acts 27:19-25 (KJV):**

*“And the third day we cast out with our own hands the tackling of the ship. And when neither sun nor stars in many days appeared, and no small tempest lay on us, all hope that we should be saved was then taken away. But after long abstinence Paul stood forth in the midst of them, and said, Sirs, ye should have hearkened unto me, and not have loosed from Crete, and to have gained this harm and loss. And now I exhort you to be of good cheer: for there shall be no loss of any man’s life among you, but of the ship. For there stood by me this night the angel of God, Whose I am, and Whom I serve, Saying, Fear not, Paul; thou must be brought before Caesar: and, lo, God hath given thee all them that sail with thee. Wherefore, sirs, be of good cheer: for I believe God, that it shall be even as it was told me.”*

**Notice that Paul wasn’t moved by the storm.**

- He was focused on the end result that *God* said would happen.

**When the storm rages and everybody thinks it’s the end, faith overcomes—it doesn’t become.**

- In the midst of any storm, whether it’s physical, spiritual, or financial, when we believe God, we can have and show great calmness, great comfort, and great strength.

**Paul was a *prisoner* on that ship; he was not in charge physically.**

- In fact, he was one of the least important to those in charge when he stepped onboard.

**Yet Paul had a great moral influence.**

- In the middle of the storm, he was brave, noble, helpful, and truly admirable.
- He was noticeably different, and it made him valuable to those who otherwise would have killed him.

**\*Group Discussion: What made Paul act with such great calmness, comfort, and strength?**

- It was his faith in God’s Word over anything else that came against him.
- You see, faith *overcomes*, it doesn’t *become*.

**\*Instruct the group to turn to Psalm 23:4:**

**The Word of God within us is a living power that predicts the future of our faith, not our doubt!**

- The prophetic power of Christianity does not lie in idle dreaming, nor in the fanatical predicting of events.
- It is the certainty of the future brought to bear on the present.

**When you say what God says, you are making His words your words.**

- In essence, it is with faith in His Word that you predict your own future.
- That's a powerful statement, and every bit of it is true.

**Never forget who you are in Christ Jesus.**

- Build yourself up in your most holy faith.

**We know that nobody likes storms in life.**

- Nobody likes trouble.

**\*Invite someone in the group to read Psalm 23:4 KJV:**

*"Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me."*

**Notice that it says to walk *through*.**

- It doesn't say to stop walking.
- It doesn't say to accept your place in the valley and live there.
- No, it says to walk.

**The miracle of faith happens as we walk, not as we stop.**

- It doesn't happen if we just accept things as they look with our natural eyes.

**\*Instruct the group to turn to Mark 11:23.**

**If the Word says that God wants you blessed, then accept that as your future.**

- Expect what is yours in the Word.

**\*Group Discussion: Are you searching for scriptures that apply to your particular situation and expecting great results?**

- You can expect and speak them as your good future.
- You can consider them predictions of what is happening for you regardless of what's happening in the world.

**\*Invite someone in the group to read Mark 11:23-24 KJV:**

*"For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith. Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them."*

**Jesus taught that you should believe that you receive whatever you need or desire when you pray.**

- Your expectation is tied to your faith, and your faith predicts your future.

**Affirmations to declare this week:**

1. Faith in God's Word makes me brave, noble, helpful, and admirable. My faith *overcomes*, it doesn't *become*. I'm a great moral influence in times of trouble.
2. I predict my own good future when I speak God's good Word. The miracle of faith happens as I walk. I expect what is mine in the Word.

**Close in Prayer.**



# **Expect More for Your Family, Your Country, Your Job, and in Your Relationship with God!**

## **3<sup>rd</sup> Week August 2020 Bible Study Notes**

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

At the beginning of 2020, we began telling everyone the theme that the Lord gave us for this year: “Great Expectation Gets Great Results!”

- Expectation in God’s promise will build up our faith in the great future that He has already planned for our lives.
- We must never give up and expect less in life, especially when we encounter the storms of life.

**That is really the main focus of this month’s Bible Study which is titled: “Expect More for Your Family, Your Country, Your Job, and in Your Relationship with God!”**

**\*Instruct the group to turn to Acts 27.**

**When we make the Word our expectation and we say it, we are predicting a future that is good, even though it may look like it’s never going to happen.**

- You can’t be moved by what you see.
- Faith looks at death and sees a future life.
- Faith looks at a storm and sees a future calm.
- Faith looks more at God than at anything going on in the world today.

**That’s what the apostle Paul did while imprisoned during a great storm at sea.**

**\*Invite someone in the group to read Acts 27:22-25 (KJV):**

*“And now I exhort you to be of good cheer: for there shall be no loss of any man’s life among you, but of the ship. For there stood by me this night the angel of God, Whose I am, and Whom I serve, Saying, Fear not, Paul; thou must be brought before Caesar: and, lo, God hath given thee all them that sail with thee. Wherefore, sirs, be of good cheer: for I believe God, that it shall be even as it was told me.”*

**You see, the apostle Paul didn’t just say, “I believe God,” he also said, “be of good cheer.”**

- The word *cheer* is defined in Vine’s Expository Dictionary of Biblical Words in this way:
- “to put in good spirits, well, merry, confidence, to be of good courage.”

**\*Group Discussion: How can someone be of good cheer when everything is going wrong? Is that going against the natural emotions of a person?**

**It is not a natural emotion to be of good cheer when the storms of life blow.**

- Paul could be of good cheer when everything was going wrong because he had great expectation.
- His expectation of God’s saving hand on his life was greater than his expectation of the raging storm.

**Great expectation produces the emotion of joy.**

- It’s the twin brother of good cheer.

**When you have great expectation, its twin brother “good cheer” shows up and lightens the load of trouble.**

- This is not just about optimism.
- Plenty of dreamers talk optimistically and still go down the drain!

**As believers, we don’t just dream-talk, we faith-talk.**

- We don’t pretend or ignore; we look directly at what is wrong and speak the Word.

- We know our faith in God and His Word is a force that changes the future.

**\*Invite someone in the group to read Acts 27:25 AMPC:**

*“So keep up your courage, men, for I have faith (complete confidence) in God that it will be exactly as it was told me.”*

**No matter what the devil threw at Paul, he couldn’t shake his courage.**

- He wrote most of the New Testament from prison and was a constant encouragement to the Church of his day.

**\*Instruct the group to turn to Acts 27:34-37.**

**Courage has been defined as “mental and moral strength.”**

- It is a force that empowers us to rise above the distress and troubles in life with perfect peace that is beyond human understanding.

**Courage made a shepherd boy sling a rock at a giant and win the battle for his nation.**

- This same force of courage can enable you to expect more for your family, your country, your job, and in your relationship with God!

**\*Invite someone in the group to read Acts 27:34-37 AMPC:**

*“So I urge (warn, exhort, encourage, advise) you to take some food [for your safety]—it will give you strength; for not a hair is to perish from the head of any one of you. Having said these words, he took bread and, giving thanks to God before them all, he broke it and began to eat. Then they all became more cheerful and were encouraged and took food themselves. All told there were 276 souls of us in the ship.”*

**If you read down through the rest of this chapter, you will see that all 276 people escaped safely to land.**

**\*Group Discussion: Does this encourage you to expect more for your family, your country, your job, and in your relationship with God?**

**\*Instruct the group to turn to John 16:33.**

**Before going to the cross, Jesus gave very important instructions to His disciples.**

- He knew they would soon experience emotional challenges at His death.

**\*Invite someone in the group to read John 16:33 KJV:**

*“These things I have spoken unto you, that in Me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.”*

**Jesus taught us what to expect and how to lighten the load of trouble in the world.**

- As believers, our good cheer shows that we are very conscious of God’s presence.
- We must have a habit of communion with God.

**When you have communion with God, calmness and courage keep you thinking straight.**

- You are not moved by what you see; you’re moved only by what you believe, and you receive the results.

**Results are the answer to your faith.**

- People may not see your faith, but they will definitely see your results.

**Affirmations to declare this week:**

1. I’m not merely optimistic. I am a believer, so I don’t just dream-talk, I faith-talk! I don’t pretend or ignore; I look directly at what is wrong and speak the Word.
2. My faith in God and His Word is a force that changes my future—I’m very conscious of God’s presence because I have a habit of communion with Him.

**Close in Prayer.**

# **Expect More for Your Family, Your Country, Your Job, and in Your Relationship with God!**

## **4<sup>th</sup> Week August 2020 Bible Study Notes**

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

Throughout this year, each Bible Study has emphasized the theme that the Lord gave us for 2020: Great Expectation Gets Great Results!

- Our God *created* us with a built-in need to have great expectation in life.
- And, especially during the times that we are living in, we all need to expect great results!

Today, we will conclude our Bible Study titled: “Expect More for Your Family, Your Country, Your Job, and in Your Relationship with God!”

\*Instruct the group to turn to our foundation scripture in Acts 27:25

We have been seeing Paul’s actions during a great storm at sea.

- In the midst of any storm, whether it’s physical, spiritual, or financial, when we believe God, we can have and show great calmness, great comfort, and great strength.

\*Invite someone in the group to read Acts 27:25 KJV:

*“Wherefore, sirs, be of good cheer: for I believe God, that it shall be even as it was told me.”*

We should all be results-oriented.

- Because the apostle Paul believed God more than the circumstances, all 276 lives were saved on that voyage.

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

When you believe God, all will be saved on your voyage in life, too.

- God’s Word is more powerful than what’s going on around us.

\*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.”*

We can know in Whom we have believed!

- You see, when you *know*, you become very convincing to other people in the midst of their trials and tribulations.

\*Group Discussion: Do you realize that your belief in God’s Word can have a life-changing effect on other people in your life?

Remember that Paul was in the ship with many other people and his faith saved their lives.

- But he also encouraged them in the middle of the storm.

Nobody but Paul was saying what God said. Nobody but Paul had great expectation.

- Yet Paul’s belief was enough to affect those traveling with him for good.

\*Instruct the group to turn to 2 Timothy 2:9 AMPC.

Sometimes it may look like you’re a prisoner in your own life, like Paul was in that ship.

- But really, you are the *captain* of your ship.

\*Invite someone in the group to read 2 Timothy 2:9 AMPC:

*“For that [Gospel] I am suffering affliction and even wearing chains like a criminal. But the Word of God is not chained or imprisoned!”*

Although Paul was a bound prisoner, he was freer than anybody with him.

- His great expectation was steering them all right out of death and into life.

**What God said would happen is exactly what Paul expected and repeated in faith.**

- That gave him enough good cheer to spread around.

**In our last lesson, we saw that the word *cheer* means “to put in good spirits, well, merry, confidence, to be of good courage.”**

- Paul could be of good cheer when everything was going wrong because he had great expectation.

**We also learned that *courage* has been defined as “mental and moral strength.”**

- It is a force that empowers us to rise above the distress and troubles in life with perfect peace that is beyond human understanding.

**\*Group Discussion: Does it empower you to know that you are the captain of your ship?**

**Don’t let that truth escape you.**

- Remind yourself of Whose you are and put your trust in the Lord.

**We are so thankful for our all of our Partners who help us spread the Gospel to the world through so many different ways, like our Voice of the Covenant Bible Study.**

- Your faithful financial support tells us that you understand our vision.
- We will never waste anything you sow into this ministry because we value your seed.

**Our heart is to keep reaching out to help people all over the world with the Good News of Jesus.**

- Together, we are reaching people and changing lives, one soul at a time.
- We are people of destiny moving toward our destination.

**We are doing what God said and are determined to be of good cheer as we go!**

- Each time you sow your seed, believe for the 100-fold harvest.
- Don’t lower your expectation in God; just stick with His Word.
- Believe that what God said, He can do!

**Let’s *expect* and *say* what God said no matter what.**

- Our future is worth it, and who knows who we will affect for good in the process?
- Never forget that people around us are listening, and like Paul, we can take others with us into our good future.

**God is on our side, and together, we will receive everything He has promised us in this life.**

- Great expectation gets great results, and we are expecting great things for you!

**Affirmations to declare this week:**

1. God’s Word is more powerful than what’s going on around me. I know in Whom I have believed, and my belief is enough to affect others for good.
2. I am the *captain* of my ship, and my great expectation is steering me out of death and into life. I have enough good cheer to spread around.
3. I *expect* and *say* what God said no matter what. I believe I will receive everything He has promised me in this life.

**Close in Prayer.**