

**FAMILY LIFE CHURCH OF THE VALLEY
RIVERSIDE COUNTY**

TITLE: DARING FAITH – THE KEY TO MIRACLES

SESSION TWO: EXPECTING THE BEST

**MEMORY VERSE: “AND WE KNOW THAT IN ALL THINGS GOD WORKS FOR THE GOOD OF THOSE WHO LOVE HIM, WHO HAVE BEEN CALLED ACCORDING TO HIS PURPOSE.”
ROMANS 8:28 (NIV)**

“Faith assures us of things we expect and convinces us of the existence of things we cannot see.”
Hebrews 11:1 (GW)

Faith is not just optimism or positive thinking. Faith is the confident assurance that God is in control of the future, and that he plans what is best for my life because he loves me.

“I will guide you along the best pathway for your life. I will advise you and watch over you.”
Psalm 32:8 (NLT)

- **What I expect the best it _____ God.**

“this day the Lord will hand you over to me and I’ll strike you down and the whole world will know that there is a God!”

1 Samuel 17:46 (NIV)

“Expect great things from God, and attempt great things for God.”
William Carey

- **When I expect the best it _____ my ability.**
- **When I expect the best it _____ others.**

If I want to expect the best from God, I must:

- _____ **every morning.**

“In the morning, O Lord, you hear my voice; in the morning I lay my requests before you and wait in expectation.”

Psalm 5:3 (NIV)

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- _____ **throughout the day.**

“Though the wicked hide along the way to kill me, I will quietly keep my mind upon your promises.”

Psalm 119:95 (TLB)

“I’ve banked your promises in the vault of my heart.”

Psalm 119:11 (MSG)

“Let’s keep a firm grip on the promises that keep us going.[God] always keeps his word.”

Hebrews 10:23 (TLB)

- _____ **even when things look bad.**

“O my soul, don’t be discouraged. Don’t be upset. Expect God to act! For I know that I shall again have plenty of reason to praise him for all that he will do.”

Psalm 42:11 (TLB)

- _____ **other believers.**

“Bad company corrupts good character.”

1 Corinthians 15:33 (NLT)

“Let us not give up the habit of meeting together...Instead, let us encourage one another all the more.”

Hebrews 10:25 (TEV)

“Let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds.”

Hebrews 10:24 (NIV)

“without faith it is impossible to please God.”

Hebrews 11:6 (NIV)

DISCOVERY QUESTIONS

1. What Goliath are up against right now? How has learning about the power of expecting the best in faith encouraged you to approach that giant in a different way?

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2. David developed a daily spiritual routine by tuning in to God, thinking on his promises, trusting God’s love, and talking with other believers. Which of these four disciplines is easiest for you? Which one is more difficult and why? What practical step will you take this week to begin strengthening yourself in that area of spiritual discipline?

3. When you expect the best in faith, it honors God, increases your ability, and encourages others. Share an experience when you expected the best from God and how your attitude encouraged another person.

4. What is the difference between biblical faith and positive thinking?
