

EXPECTING THE BEST

50 Days of Faith
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“According to your faith will it be done to you.” Matthew 9:29

“Faith assures us of things we expect.” Hebrews 11:1 (GW)

EXPECTING THE BEST is the confident assurance that God is:

- _____ of the future and that He plans
- _____ for my life because He loves me

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

WHY EXPECT THE BEST?

1 Samuel 17:1-52 (David faces Goliath)

1. IT _____
“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)

2. IT _____
“David hurled a stone from his sling and hit the Philistine in the forehead. The stone sank in, and Goliath stumbled and fell face downward to the ground.”
1 Samuel 17:49 (NLT)

3. IT _____
“Then the Israelites gave a great shout of triumph and rushed after the Philistines, chasing them as far as Gath.” 1 Samuel 17:52 (NLT)

HOW TO EXPECT THE BEST WHEN FACING GIANTS

1. TUNE IN _____ EVERY MORNING
DAVID: “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)

“Worship God if you want the best; worship opens doors to all his goodness.”
Psalm 34:9 (MSG)

2. THINK ON _____ THROUGHOUT THE DAY
DAVID: “Though the wicked hide along the way to kill me, I will quietly keep my mind upon your promises.” Psalm 119:95 (TLB)

DAVID: “I've banked your promises in the vault of my heart.”
Psalm 119:11 (MSG)

“You'll do best by filling your minds and meditating on things true, noble, reputable, authentic, compelling, gracious—the best, not the worst; the beautiful, not the ugly.” Philippians 4:8 (MSG)

“Let's keep a firm grip on the promises that keep us going. He always keeps His Word.” Hebrews 10:23 (MSG)

3. TRUST IN _____ WHEN THINGS LOOK BAD
DAVID: “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)

“While we were children, our parents did what seemed best to them. But God is doing what is best for us, training us to live God's holy best.”
Hebrews 12:10 (MSG)

“I'll get you out of any trouble. I'll give you the best of care if you'll only get to know and trust me.” Psalm 91:14 (MSG)

4. TALK WITH _____
“I'm a friend and companion of those committed to living by your rules.”
Psalm 119:63 (MSG)

“Let us not give up the habit of meeting together . . . Instead, let us encourage one another.” Hebrews 10:25 (GNT)

“Keep company with God, get in on the best.” Psalm 37:4 (MSG)

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