The Dimension of Expectation

Many Christians pray, but <u>do they expect answers</u>? They attend church, but <u>do they expect a move of God</u>? They face struggles, but <u>do they expect victory</u>? The Dimension of Expectation teaches that <u>faith is not just believing</u> in God's Power-*It's living with absolute confidence* that *He will do what He promised*.

The Dimension of Expectation isn't just a sermon, It's a call to a higher level of faith.

- When we step into The Dimension of Expectation,
- We stop merely **hoping** and **start knowing** that **God will move**.
- This message *challenges us as believers* to go beyond passive faith and *actively* <u>anticipate</u> the supernatural.

Psalm 62:5-8 - 5 My soul, wait silently for God alone, for my expectation is from
<u>Him</u>. 6 He only is my rock and my salvation; He is my defense; I shall not be
moved. 7 In God is my salvation and my glory; The rock of my strength, And my
refuge, is in God. 8 Trust in Him at all times, you people; Pour out your heart
before Him; God is a refuge for us. Selah

David said in Psalm 62:5 – "My expectation is from Him." He understood that true faith does not just wish – <u>it expects</u>.

There are several different levels, as you know, in the Scripture concerning or related to the faith that you and I can possess:

- In Mark, Jesus asked His disciples, "How is it that you have no faith?"
- In another place, He accused them and said, "*O ye of little faith.*"
- In Romans, it talks about the measure of faith that's given unto every man.

- <u>In Corinthians</u>, it talks about *the gift of faith*, that special unction or *anointing that comes directly from God* amid a tumultuous situation.
- In Romans 4, the Bible talks about Abraham who was strong in faith.

Somebody said, "Strong in faith."

- I've got a feeling I'm in the midst of a group of people today <u>who are strong</u> <u>in their faith</u> in God. <u>I feel faith in this house</u>.
- I felt faith when I walked in here this morning.
- I know God is in this place, and I know that <u>He's come to do something</u> very miraculous among us.
- That happens because of our faith.

You are <u>God's elect</u>. You are <u>God's special forces</u>. You are <u>God's anointed</u>. You are men and women that <u>love God and live for God</u> and <u>have believed the things</u> <u>of God</u> and <u>have faith in an Almighty God</u>.

- Don't you believe for a moment that <u>God is far from us</u>?
- Don't you believe for a moment that God doesn't hear us?
- Don't you believe for a moment that God doesn't want to work for us?
- God is here, and God wants to do something special among us.

Abraham was <u>strong in faith</u>. Romans 4:20-21 - He did not waver at the promise of God through unbelief, but was strengthened in faith, giving glory to God, 21 and being fully convinced that what He had promised He was also able to perform.

• This verse describes Abraham's *unwavering faith*...

- Abraham's faith grew stronger as he trusted in God's promises.
- Vs 21 <u>Emphasizes Abraham's conviction</u>, stating "being fully persuaded that what he had promised, he was also able to perform."

James 2:23 - And the Scripture was fulfilled which says, "Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness." And he was called the friend of God.

- Abraham's faith, *demonstrated by his actions* (Like w/Isaaic the sacrifice)
- This led to his righteousness and God's friendship.

There is yet **another dimension of faith** that you and I, as individuals and collectively as a church, **can move into**—and that is **the dimension of expectation**:

The dimension of <u>believing</u>, the dimension of <u>assuming</u>, the dimension of <u>knowing</u> that God is able - <u>no matter the circumstance</u>, <u>no matter the trial</u>, <u>no</u> <u>matter the test</u>, <u>no matter the sickness</u>, <u>no matter the problem</u>.

In this <u>dimension of expectation</u>, we anticipate the very handiwork of God. No matter what we're up against in the dimension of expectation, we are convinced that God is in charge.

In <u>the dimension of expectation</u>, we know that no matter what happens, God is going to have the final say.

In <u>the dimension of expectation</u>, there is no question in our mind the battle belongs to God.

In <u>the dimension of expectation</u>, we know that God will. We may not know how. We may not know where. We may not know who He's going to use, **but we know God will come through right on time.** *In this dimension*, we *expect a sovereign move of God* in our midst.

The dimension of expectation is nowhere better expressed than in:

Romans 8:28 - And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose.

- God orchestrates all events, even seemingly *negative ones*.
- For *the ultimate benefit* of **those who love Him** and are a part of His plan.
- God works all things together for those He has called!

You see, expectation goes beyond hoping for a good outcome. <u>Expectation</u> is bigger than desire. <u>Expectation</u> is more than <u>wishful thinking</u>. *It's more than pleading*. It's <u>more than want</u>. It's <u>more than longing</u>. Expectation is:

- Anticipation Assuming Belief Certainty Confidence Knowing -
- Looking forward to what God's going to do Trust in God -No wonder David said, "<u>My expectation is from Him</u>."

Paul said, Acts 28:31 - preaching the kingdom of God and teaching the things which concern the Lord Jesus Christ <u>with all confidence</u>, no one forbidding him.

Despite being <u>under arrest</u> in Rome, <u>Paul continued to preach the gospel of</u> <u>Jesus Christ</u> with <u>unwavering boldness</u> and <u>without hindrance</u>.

Paul tells the church of Galatia, he said, "Through the Holy Spirit's help by faith, <u>we anticipate</u>, and <u>we wait for</u> the blessing of God." To the church of Thessalonica, Paul said, "Our preaching was not with great conviction, but with absolute certainty."

John 3:33 - He who has received His testimony has certified that God is true.

Accepting Jesus' testimony and message, <u>one is affirming the truthfulness and</u> <u>reliability of God</u>.

- It's time for God's people to move into the dimension of expectation.
- It's time to *quit talking about it* and *realize that God is going to do it*.
- <u>You can be assured</u> of it. God is moving <u>His church</u> into a new dimension— <u>the dimension of expectation</u>.

Ephesians 6:13-14 - Therefore take up the whole armor of God, *that you may be able to withstand in the evil day*, and **having done all, to stand**. 14 *Stand therefore*, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness,

- When we've done <u>all we can do</u>, expect God to do things <u>we can't do</u>.
- We've got to move into that dimension *where we say*,
- "God, this is bigger than me. *I need You* to take over."

Something happens to a believer that moves into the dimension of expectation. During all your struggles, <u>if you can hold onto your faith in God</u>, <u>don't give up</u>. <u>Don't allow</u> the devil to push you down and keep you down. <u>Get back up and</u> <u>declare</u>, "I <u>expect</u> God to do something great for me." Mark 5:25-34 - ²⁵ Now a certain woman had a flow of blood for <u>twelve</u> <u>years</u>, ²⁶ and had suffered many things from many physicians. <u>She had spent all</u> <u>that she had</u> and was no better but rather grew worse. ²⁷ When she heard about Jesus, <u>she came behind *Him* in the crowd and touched His garment</u>. ²⁸ For she said, "If only I may touch His clothes, <u>I shall be made well</u>." (I Know, I Know, ect.)!!! I will be made whole or well...

²⁹ Immediately the fountain of her blood was dried up, and she felt in *her* body that she was healed of the affliction. ³⁰ And Jesus, immediately knowing in Himself that power had gone out of Him, turned around in the crowd and said, "Who touched My clothes?"

³¹ But His disciples said to Him, "You see the multitude thronging You, and You say, **'Who touched Me?'**"

³² And He looked around to see her who had done this thing. ³³ But the woman, fearing and trembling, knowing what had happened to her, came and fell down before Him and told Him the whole truth. ³⁴ And He said to her, *"Daughter, your faith has made you well. Go in peace, and be healed of your affliction."*

In the dimension of expectation, we go to church expecting a move of God.

- We go to church anticipating *salvation* and *healing* and *deliverance*
- And *miracles* and *power* and *strength* and *encouragement*.
- We know that something significant is going to happen every time we go to the house of God in the dimension of expectation.

Expectation <u>isn't dependent on me</u>. *Expectation in God <u>isn't dependent on how I</u> <u>feel</u>. It's knowing that <u>God can do anything</u>, and that <u>God is ready and willing</u> to move for us.*

I've come to tell you <u>I expect it</u>. I expect <u>God to move</u>. I expect <u>backsliders to be</u> <u>restored</u>. I expect <u>miracles and healings</u> to take place.

Isaiah 44:3 - For I will pour water on him who is thirsty, And floods on the dry ground; I will pour My Spirit on your descendants, And My blessing on your offspring;

- Signifying <u>spiritual renewal</u> and <u>prosperity</u> for God's people.
- We need to See God as the true source of strength and victory.

The move of God <u>is not dependent upon how I feel</u>. God promised to <u>pour out</u> <u>His</u> Spirit.

- <u>We need to anticipate God doing</u> what He said He would do.
- A genuine move of the Holy Spirit **is dependent on Him**. And <u>He don't fail</u>.

Matthew 18:20 - For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them."

- Jesus is with us! Focus on <u>His teachings, and purpose</u>.
- His **presence and power** are present among them!
- Move into that <u>dimension of expectancy</u>, <u>into that dimension that I believe</u>
 God's <u>going to</u> show up and God's <u>going to</u> do something great.

Expectation is not a fleeting emotion—it's <u>an unwavering confidence</u> in God's ability to fulfill His promises.

<u>The woman with the issue of blood</u> didn't just hope Jesus could heal her—she knew if she could just touch the hem of His garment, she would be healed.

That's the dimension of expectation! It's faith that pulls down heaven into earth.

- It's the kind of faith that <u>moves mountains</u>, <u>opens prison doors</u>, and <u>releases miracles</u>.
- It's a declaration that God will do what He said He would do.

CLOSE: So, I ask you today: What are you expecting?

- Are you expecting revival, healing, or God to pour out His Spirit?
- If you can expect it, you can receive it. If you can believe it, God can do it.

When we step into <u>The Dimension of Expectation</u>, you don't just wait for God to move-you prepare for it, anticipate it, and walk in it.

What Happens in the Dimension of Expectation?

- Prayers become powerful, bold declarations.
- Worship shifts from routine to supernatural encounters.
- Miracles become the norm, not the exception.
- Faith is activated, and revival is released.

So today, make up your mind. <u>Step into the dimension of expectation</u>.

Believe in the impossible. <u>Speak with faith</u>. *Pray with confidence*. *Worship like* <u>your miracle is already here</u>. Because <u>in this dimension</u>, there is no room for doubt—<u>only the certainty that our God is faithful</u>, and <u>He will do</u> what He said He would do!

Expect God to move. Because when we expect Him, <u>He always shows up</u>!