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Faith is Expecting the Best

Hebrews 11:1 (gw) *Faith assures us of things we expect...*

EXPECTING THE BEST: *is the confident assurance that God knows what is the best for us because He loves us.*

Psalms 32:8 (nlt) *I will guide you along the best pathway for your life. I'll advise you and watch over you.*

- **Why should we expect the best?**

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

1. It honours God.

1 Samuel 17:46 (niv) *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!*

2. It increases our ability in life.

1 Samuel 17:49 (nlt) *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.*

3. It encourages others.

1 Samuel 17:52 (nlt) *Then the Israelites gave a great shout of triumph and rushed after the Philistines, chasing them as far as Gath.*

- **What do we need to do to expect the best when facing our giants?**

1. SPEND QUALITY TIME WITH GOD REGULARLY.

David said: *In the morning, LORD, you hear my voice; in the morning I lay my requests before you and wait in expectation.* **Psalms 5:3**

Psalms 34:9 (msg) *Worship God if you want the best; worship opens doors to all his goodness.*

2. THINK ON GOD'S PROMISES THROUGHOUT THE DAY.

Psalms 119:11 (msg) *I've banked your promises in the vault of my heart...*

Philippians 4:8 (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...*

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

3. TRUST IN GOD'S LOVE WHEN THINGS LOOK BAD.

Psalms 42:11 (tlb) *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.*

Hebrews 12:10 (msg) *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.*

Psalms 91:14 (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.*

Conclusion

We need to spend time with other positive believers when things are not going so good.

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

We need to associate with and attach ourselves to other people of positive faith. If we hang out with cynical, sarcastic, critical negative people that's as contagious as faith is and they will tend to infect us.

If we want to be a person of great faith, then we need to find some people who build into our life additional faith, who help us grow to expect the best.