

Sequim Community Church
WHAT DO WE EXPECT?
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1 Samuel 17:32 & 40-50 ~ June 8, 2008

INTRODUCTION

A. What faith isn't:

- It's not **desire**
- It's not **pretending**
- It's not a **feeling**

B. Faith is having great **expectations**.

C. ***"Because of your faith, it will happen."***

Matthew 9:29

D. We choose our orientation in life....**optimism** or **pessimism**.

E. What are you expecting?

I. GREAT EXPECTATIONS AND A GREAT LIFE.

A. First, great expectations honor **God**.

"Today the Lord will conquer you and I will kill you and cut off your head. And then I will give the dead bodies of your men to the birds and wild animals and the whole world will know that there is a God in Israel."

1 Samuel 17:46

- ***"Nothing is impossible for God."***

Mark 10:27

B. Second, great expectations increase our **ability**.

"As Goliath moved closer to attack, David quickly ran out to meet him. Reaching into his shepherd's bag and taking out a stone, he hurled it...and hit the Philistine in the forehead...Goliath stumbled and fell face down to the ground."

1 Samuel 17:48-49

- "Don't let impossible situations intimidate you....today's impossibilities are tomorrow's miracles." Pastor & Author Rick Warren

C. Third, our great expectations encourage others.

"Then the Israelites gave a great shout of triumph and rushed after the Philistines."

1 Samuel 17:52

II. HOW TO BE MORE FAITHFUL.

A. **Start** your day with faith, not doubt.

"Morning by morning O Lord, You hear my voice...I lay my requests before you and I wait in expectation."

Psalms 5:3

B. Look for something **good** in everyone and everything.

"And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to His purpose for them."
Romans 8:28

C. **Think** and **speak** positively.

"Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouth, but only what is helpful."
Ephesians 4:29

D. Associate with **positive** people.

"Bad company corrupts good character." 1 Corinthians 15:33

"As iron sharpens iron, a friend sharpens a friend." Proverbs 27:17

E. When you **pray** thank God in advance.

"Whatever you ask for in prayer believe that you have received it."
Mark 11:24

CONCLUSION