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Expect Great Things from God in 2014 2014年从神那里期待益处

Intro: I want to please God- do you? The Bible says there is only one way... In Hebrews 11:6 it says, *“But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.”* NKJV

想要受神喜悦之有一个办法

希伯来书 11:6人非有信就不能得神的喜悦。因为到神面前来的人，必须信有神，且信他赏赐那寻求他的人。

The only way you can get God's approval is by **faith** in Jesus Christ, His Son. You may be a great person but without faith it's impossible to please God.

信耶稣是得到神应许的唯一方法，你也许是个好人但没有信心就不能取悦神

过去的这些年神让我的信心有所增长，我相信你也和我一样

• *“According to your faith it will be done to you.”* God says, *“If you've got a lot of faith, we'll get a lot done in your life...”*

Hebrews 11:1 *“Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.”* NKJV. Another... *“Faith assures us of things we expect.”* If I had to summarize faith: faith is expecting the best from God...

希伯来书11:1信就是所望之事的实底，是未见之事的的确据。信心使我们更坚定我们所期待的。

- Not just talking about being “optimistic” Faith is more...信心不只是乐观
- But I like optimistic people- better than alternative...相对犹豫的人我喜欢乐观的人

Expecting the best 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. 期待最好的是信心的保证，上帝是在未来的控制权，而且他计划什么是最适合我的生活，因为他爱我。

Why should I expect the best in life when so many things go wrong? Why should I expect the best when so many heartaches have happened to me already? 为什么我应该期待生命中最好的，当这么多不如意的事情？为什么我应该期待的最好的时候，那么多的悲伤都发生在我身上了吗？

We learn the answer to that question in a very famous story in the Bible. It's the story of David and Goliath. 我们学会了回答这个问题的一个非常著名的故事在圣经。这是大卫和歌利亚的故事。

• The Philistines had a giant of a man.

I Sam. 17:4 *“And a champion went out from the camp of the Philistines, names Goliath, from Gath, whose height was six cubits and a span.”*

撒母耳记上 17:4 从非利士营中出来一个讨战的人，名叫歌利亚，是迦特人，身高六肘零一虎口。

- His name was Goliath. He was around 9 ½ feet tall! (289.5cm) A cubit is generally 18 inches and a span was (289.5厘米高)
- His coat of armour was 5000 shekels of bronze (125 pounds or 57kgs)57公斤重的盔甲
所有人都认为他很厉害。但大为有他的小石头，说：“他太大！他是一个大的目标。此外，神就在我的身上，我们可以战胜他“

What Happens When You Expect the Best with God? 当我们期待从神那里得到最好的，会发生什么呢？

1. You Honour God by Expecting the Best 你期待最好的就是荣耀神

Listen to what David's attitude was in 1 Samuel 17:46 *“This day the LORD will deliver you into my hand... that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel.”* 撒母耳记上 17:46 今日耶和

华必将你交在我手里。我必杀你，斩你的头，又将非利士军兵的尸首给空中的飞鸟，地上的野兽吃，使普天下的人都知道以色列中有神。

2. It Increases My Ability 使我增添力量

Note: Who is going to be able to do great things for God? The person who constantly says “I’m no good- I can’t do anything for God!” or “I can do all things through Christ!”

It increases my strength and ability as with David. David had the strength to hurl a stone from his sling, hit the Philistine in the head. The stone sank in. Goliath stumbled and fell face downward. God gave David that ability because of his faith. We’ve seen many places the difference an attitude can make.

大为和加利亚的故事，神给了大为神力是因为他信靠神。我们要怎样在遇到事情的时候展现出不同的态度

3. Strong Faith Encourages Others 坚实的信心可以鼓励他人

I Sam. 17:52 *“Now the men of Israel and Judah arose and shouted, and pursued the Philistines as far as the entrance of the valley and to the gates of Ekron.”* 撒母耳记上 17:52 以色列人和犹太人便起身呐喊，追赶非利士人，直到迦特（或作该）和以革伦的城门。被杀的非利士人倒在沙拉音的路上，直到迦特和以革伦。

一个人的信心使整个名族都充满了力量，这就使信心的力量，信心由无穷的力量让我们乐观

1. Spend Time with God Every Day 每天都与神亲近

Psalm 5:3 *“My voice You shall hear in the morning, O LORD; In the morning I will direct it to You, and I will look up.”*

诗篇 5:3 耶和華阿，早晨你必听我的声音。早晨我必向你陈明我的心意，并要儆醒。

2. Keep Your Focus On God’s Promises 专注于神的应许

腓立比书 4:8 弟兄们，我还有未尽的话。凡是真实的，可敬的，公义的，清洁的，可爱的，有美名的。若有什么德行，若有什么称赞，这些事你们都要思念。

诗篇 119:95 恶人等待我，要灭绝我，我却要揣摩你的法度。

3. Hang Out With Positive Believers 与积极爱神的人亲近

哥林多前书 15:33 你们不要自欺。滥交是败坏善行。

诗篇 1:1 不从恶人的计谋，不站罪人的道路，不坐褻慢人的座位。

I Cor. 15:33 *“Do not be deceived: “Evil company corrupts good habits.”*

David said in Psalm 1:1 *“Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stands in the path of sinners, nor sits in the seat of the scornful”*

4. Trust God Even When Things Look Bad 信靠神即使在逆境中

诗篇 42:5 我的心哪，你为何忧闷，为何在我里面烦躁。应当仰望神。因他笑脸帮助我，我还要称赞他。