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Increasing Expectations

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Hope is an assurance that a loving

God is in control of life and my life and that no matter if good or bad happens, He is in charge and it is OK.

But as for me, I will always have hope; I will praise you more and more. Psalm 71:14 (NIV)

What are you expecting God to do today?

And because of their unbelief, Jesus couldn't do any mighty miracles among them.... And he was amazed at their unbelief. Mark 6:5-6

To increase expectations I can...

Expect bigger things.

Then Jesus went up on a mountainside and sat down with his disciples. When Jesus looked up and saw a great crowd coming toward him, he said to Philip, "Where shall we buy bread for these people to eat?" Philip answered him, "Eight months' wages would not buy enough bread for each one to have a bite!" Then Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, spoke up. "There's a young boy here with five barley loaves and two fish. But what good is that with this huge crowd?" John 6:3-9 (NLT2)

Believe better days are ahead.

My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever. Psalm 73:26 (NIV)



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I have told you all this so that you may have peace in me. Here on earth you will have many trials and sorrows. But take heart, because I have overcome the world." John 16:33 (NLT2)

Let my trust in God crowd out my fear.

1 Samuel 17

*"Have mercy on us and help us, if you can."
"What do you mean, 'If I can'?" Jesus asked. Anything is possible if a person believes."
The father instantly cried out, "I do believe, but help me overcome my unbelief!" Mark 9:22-24*

For my LifeGroup and accountability time...

Talk about a time when you were really, really hopeful that things were going to work out alright.

Read the story in Mark 9:14-29. Talk about hope and belief and faith.

What do you think Jesus means when he says "all things are possible for the one who believes"?

Share an area that needs 'increased expectations'.

This series is taken from Ray Johnston's book, "The Hope Quotient".