

Faith Strong - Pt. 2

3 things that Expectant Faith does in our lives.

Text: 1 Samuel 17: 46-52

Vs.46 47 **“This day the Lord will hand you over to me, and I’ll strike you down and cut off your head. Today I will give the carcasses of the Philistine army to the birds of the air and the beasts of the earth, and the whole world will know that there is a God in Israel.** All those gathered here will know that it is not by sword or spear that the Lord saves, but the battle is the Lord’s, and He will give all of you into our hands. As the Philistine moved closer to attack him, David ran quickly to the battle line to meet him. Reaching into his bag and taking out a stone he slung it in his slingshot and struck the Philistine on the forehead, and he fell facedown on the ground. David ran and he stood over Goliath after he had killed him. He took hold of the Philistine’s sword and drew it from the scabbard and after he had killed him he cut his head off with the sword. When the Philistines saw that their hero was dead, they turned and ran. Then the men of Israel and Judah surged forward with a shout and pursued the Philistines to the entrance of Gath and to the gates of Ekron.”

1. Meditate on God’s Word

Psalm 5:3. **“In the morning, O Lord, You hear my voice. In the morning I lay my request before You and wait in expectation.”**

Philippians 4:8 **“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.”**

Start your day with God.

- That will make you more positive.
- That will make you more optimistic.
- That will make your more a person of faith.

Ps. 103:2 Praise the Lord oh my soul and forget not his benefits who forgives all my sins and heals all my diseases.

1 Peter 2:24 “He took my sins on the cross so that I might die to sin and live for righteousness and by his stripes I have been healed.

2. Speak Faith

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Psalm 91 “I will Say of the Lord. I will live a long life and see his saving power”

Don’t speak against what you are praying for.

- Don’t say my marriage will never get better
- Don’t say my job will never get better
- I’ll never get out of debt.
- I’ll never overcome this sickness.
- I’ll never accomplish my dream.
- I’ll never get married

3. Trust God.

Here’s the key: David didn’t deny his problem, but he didn’t dwell on it.

Psalm 42:11 (LB) David said, “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.”

Romans 4:18 Against all hope, Abraham in hope believed and so became the father of many nations. Vs. 19 without weakening in his faith, he faced that fact that his body was as good as dead. Vs. 20 Yet he did not waver through unbelief regarding the promise of God but was strengthened in his faith and gave glory to God, being fully persuaded that God had the power to do what he had promised.