

# RENEW

## EXPECTATIONS

**Renew 2021: This January is time to...**

**Renew our CONVICTIONS**

**Renew our STANDARDS**

**Renew our EXPECTATIONS**

**What is faith?**

*"Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. This is what the ancients were commended for." Hebrews 11:1-2, NIV*

**FAITH = MORE THAN \_\_\_\_\_**

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*"And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him." Hebrews 11:6, NIV*

**What are you EXPECTING?**

*"One day Elisha went to Shunem. And a well-to-do woman was there, who urged him to stay for a meal. So whenever he came by, he stopped there to eat. She said to her husband, 'I know that this man who often comes our way is a holy man of God. Let's make a small room on the roof and put in it a bed and a table, a chair and a lamp for him. Then he can stay there whenever he comes to us.' One day when Elisha came, he went up to his room and lay down there. He said to his servant Gehazi, 'Call the Shunammite.' So he called her, and she stood before him. Elisha said to him, 'Tell her, 'You have gone to all this trouble for us. Now what can be done for you? Can we speak on your behalf to the king or the commander of the army?' She replied, 'I have a home among my own people.' 'What can be done for her?' Elisha asked. Gehazi said, 'She has no son, and her husband is old.' Then Elisha said, 'Call her.' So he called her, and she stood in the doorway. 'About this time next year,' Elisha said, 'you will hold a son in your arms.' 'No, my lord!' she objected. 'Please, man of God, don't mislead your servant!' But the woman became pregnant, and the next year about that same time she gave birth to a son, just as Elisha had told her." 2 Kings 4:8-17, NIV*

**#1 WE MUST RENEW OUR EXPECTATIONS BECAUSE:**

FAITH IN GOD MAKES THE MOST \_\_\_\_\_  
REALIZE...Faith in Jesus is \_\_\_\_\_

**MAKE WAY BY FAITH:**

- A. Faith makes way for God's \_\_\_\_\_ - His will is drawn to faith  
(v.10 "Let us make a room"; v.13 "What can be done for you?")
- B. Faith makes way for God's \_\_\_\_\_ - His word is received by faith  
(v.17 "The woman became pregnant")
- C. Faith makes way for God's \_\_\_\_\_ - His work is revealed by faith  
(v.17 "Around that time, she gave birth to a son")

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**REASONABLE EXPECTATIONS: TRUST**

- 1. Let his \_\_\_\_\_ be our \_\_\_\_\_ (Romans 8:31 What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?)
- 2. Let his \_\_\_\_\_ be our \_\_\_\_\_ (Romans 8:32 He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?)

### **3 EXPECTATION SETTING QUESTIONS:**

- 1.** What are you expecting this year? What are you basing your expectations on? The past? Fear of the unknown? Or, WHO GOD IS? Set your expectations in Him.
  
- 2.** How are you expecting this year? Expectation is more than hope, it's faith (confidence of things hoped for, assurance of things unseen... it's a solid, quantifiable thing). How are you tangibly establishing your expectation? TAKE ACTION/MAKE ROOM
  
- 3.** Have you let your guard down? You have to voice your hope to make it an expectation. You have to get vulnerable and humble. Who can you tell that will agree with you in Jesus' Name?

**"I am expecting God for/to \_\_\_\_\_ in 2021" #FAITHCHALLENGE2021**