

# FirstFruits Gathering At Harvest Christian Church

## Expectancy Opens the Door To Creativity February 20, 2024 Suzi Armstrong

Expectancy is anticipation of what you believe will happen. It is how you visualize the outcome of an event or circumstance, even the outcome of your own life, your family, your city. Expectancy is linked to a standard – meaning you set your expectancy based upon what you believe will happen. Expectancy opens doors; it opens possibilities. Expectancy allows creativity to flow, allowing you to see beyond.

King David aligned his expectancy to the word and promises of God. David's standard was that he believed God, and his expectation was that God would meet the need. After all, the Lord had given David the strength and strategy to take out a lion and bear with his hands. When David saw Goliath, his expectation was that Goliath could not defy the Living God. David saw God bigger and stronger than Goliath and expected that God would prevail, not Goliath. Expectancy opened the door to creativity. It opened the door for David to hear an unusual strategy of the Lord that made no sense in the natural realm of logic. God gave strategy to David to come against a fierce giant clothed in armor and fully armed with weaponry, with only five smooth stones and a slingshot.

**Genesis 1.1** says that in the beginning God created... The first revelation of who God is – is Creator. He brought into existence and established the Heavens and the earth with incredible detail and full provision. Through amazing creativity released through God alone, Noah was able to build a boat – an ark – before rain had ever been released from the clouds above. Noah expected that God kept His promises. Noah entered the ark with all of what would be preserved and God Himself sealed Noah in the ark.

Neither David nor Noah allowed their expectancy and the creativity that God released to them to be dictated by what things looked like in the natural realm. We are seeing things in our lives and in this time that have been engineered and released into the earth. They are diabolical and come from wickedness in high places. Disruption to the world's systems has been released. Evil forces have mounted up to turn things inside out. The Lord in His mercy and goodness has been preparing us for this time. Economies are shaking. Everything is going to change yet again. Some of the world's systems will become so stressed that they will collapse. God is saying that in the midst of this He will release creativity to His people.

Expect to hear God and to hear His strategies on what to do, how to respond, and how to position yourself and your family. Everything that is undone will have to be rebuilt. Be alert to unusual opportunities. The usual systems that we trust in are faltering – hear God's instructions for this day for you and your house. This is not a place of fear. Do not let your expectations connect with doom and gloom. Put your trust in the Lord and be willing to do things in a new way. The news is not going to tell you the real deal. Like David, inquire of the Lord what you are to do, how to prepare, and expect Him to lead you into truth. Remember that Jesus is always the rock of salvation.

**Amos 4.13** NIV

<sup>13</sup> **He who forms the mountains,  
who creates the wind,  
and who reveals his thoughts to mankind,  
who turns dawn to darkness,  
and treads on the heights of the earth—  
the Lord God Almighty is his name.**

## Psalm 16.7-8 NIV

<sup>7</sup> **I will praise the LORD, who counsels me; even at night my heart instructs me.**

<sup>8</sup> I keep my eyes always on the LORD. With him at my right hand, **I will not be shaken.**

- David knew that every battle was winnable because he put His expectation on the Lord.
- This opened the door for David to hear the creative instructions of the Lord for his day.
  - **Proverbs 1.1** ...words to live by...
    - **1.33**
    - But the one who always listens to me will live undisturbed in a heavenly peace. Free from fear, confident and courageous, you will rest unafraid and sheltered from the storms of life.
  - **Proverbs 2.2** ...train your heart to listen when I speak...
    - **2.6**
    - ...every word I speak is full of revelation...

## Psalm 119.105-110 The Message

**By your words I can see where I'm going; they throw a beam of light on my dark path. I've committed myself and I'll never turn back from living by your righteous order.**

Everything's falling apart on me, GOD; put me together again with your Word.

**Adorn me with your finest sayings, GOD; teach me your holy rules.**

My life is as close as my own hands, but I don't forget what you have revealed.

**The wicked do their best to throw me off track, but I don't swerve an inch from your course.**

- David is reinforcing and building his expectation through speaking to his own heart.
- His focus is the Lord and not the circumstances that test him – this fosters expectation that opens the door for creativity to spring forth and form the new.
- Expectation is energy and power.
- Expectation multiplied becomes passion that fuels the fire in your inner man.

## Proverbs 29.18 KJV

<sup>18</sup> **Where there is no vision, the people perish...**

- Expectancy enables vision to see the invisible – then God can pour through you the creativity to bring it forth.
- Expect that God's grace is sufficient. Let your vision for the future be formed by God, not media.

Expectation and creativity are burning in the prophetic realm over Detroit. It opens doors. It releases vision and the blueprints of God to bring in the future – His Kingdom come, and His will be done on earth as it is in Heaven.

## Colossians 2.8 NIV

<sup>8</sup> See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the elemental spiritual forces of this world rather than on Christ.

### PRAYER AND DECLARATION:

Our Father who art in heaven hallowed be Your Name – Your kingdom come, and Your will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. We glorify and magnify the Name of Jesus that is above every other name. We fix our eyes on You, Jesus, as the author and finisher of our faith. In the Name of Jesus and by His blood we lay hold of the creativity that God is releasing from Heaven over Detroit. Detroit, you are a cradle of ingenuity and creativity – you are a birthing place for God to release new blueprints for this new era. Release Your instructions to us in Detroit. We incline our ear to hear Your words to live by in this time of shaking and collapse of what we have known. We say to Detroit and its communities: you will live, and you will thrive in the new era. We speak the life of God and His blueprint for the future over Detroit.

**Psalm 119:** Open our eyes to see the miracle-wonders hidden in Your Word. Teach us more of Your holy decrees. Open up our understanding to the ways of Your wisdom. Come strengthen us. Keep us far away from what is false; give us grace to stay true to Your instructions. We can do all things in and through Christ in us the hope of glory! **Our expectancy is set on the promises of God!**