

WHAT DO YOU EXPECT?

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Faith is an _____ in God.

As Jesus went on from there, two blind men followed him, calling out, "Have mercy on us, Son of David!" When he had gone indoors, the blind men came to him, and he asked them, "Do you believe that I am able to do this?" "Yes, Lord," they replied. Then he touched their eyes and said, "According to your faith will it be done to you"; and their sight was restored. Matthew 9:27-30

The Pessimist (Job)

What I feared has come upon me; what I dreaded has happened to me. Job 3:25

The Optimist (Paul)

I live in eager expectation and hope. Philippians 1:20 (LB)

On hearing the Philistine's words, Saul and all the Israelites were dismayed and terrified. 1 Samuel 17: 11

David said to Saul, "Let no one lose heart on account of this Philistine. Your servant will go and fight him.. The Lord who delivered me from the paw of the lion and the paw of the bear will deliver me from the hand of this Philistine. 1 Samuel 17:32,37

1. Expecting the best _____

This day the Lord will deliver you into my hands, and I'll strike you down and cut off your head. This very day I will give the carcasses of the Philistine army to the birds and the wild animals, 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; for the battle is the Lord's, and he will give all of you into our hands." 1 Samuel 17:46-7

2. Expecting the best _____

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 and struck the Philistine on the forehead. 1 Samuel 17:48

3. Expecting the best _____

David ran and he stood over him. He took hold of the Philistine's sword and drew it from the sheath. After he killed him he cut off his head 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 Samuel 17: 51

TO GROW YOUR FAITH:

1. Look for something good in _____

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. Romans 8:28

The Lord, my God, lights up my darkness. In your strength I can crush an army; with my God I can scale any wall. Psalm 18:28(NLT)

2. Watch your _____

Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouth, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen. Ephesians 4:29

"If"

...if you can do anything, take pity on us and help us. "If you can?" said Jesus. "Everything is possible for him who believes." Mark 9:22-23

"I can't"

I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. Phil. 4:13(NKJ)

"Yeah, but..."

3. When you pray, thank God _____

"Have faith in God," Jesus answered. "I tell you the truth, if anyone says to this mountain, 'Go, throw yourself into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart but believes that what he says will happen, it will be done for him. Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours." Mark 11:22-25

"Father, I thank You that You have heard me." John 11:41