

St. Paul's Notes

EXPECTING THE BEST

50 Days of Faith

September 27, 2009

"According to your faith will it be done to you." Matthew 9:29

*"Faith is being sure of what we hope for
and certain of what we do not see."*

Hebrews 11:1

EXPECTING THE BEST: is the confident assurance
that God is

_____ of the future and that He

plans _____ for my life because He loves
me.

*"I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go.
I will counsel you and watch over you."* Psalm 32:8

WHY EXPECT THE BEST?

1 Samuel 17:1-52 (David faces Goliath)

1. IT _____

*"This day the Lord will hand you over to me, and I'll strike you
down ... and the whole world will know that there is a God!"*

1 Samuel 17:46

2. IT _____

*"Reaching into his bag and taking out a stone, David slung it
and struck the Philistine on the forehead. The stone
sank into Goliath's forehead, and he fell facedown
on the ground." 1 Samuel 17:49*

3. IT _____

*"Then the men of Israel and Judah surged forward
with a shout and pursued the Philistines
to the entrance of Gath." 1 Samuel 17:52*

HOW TO EXPECT THE BEST WHEN FACING GIANTS

1. TUNE IN _____ EVERY MORNING.

DAVID: *"In the morning, O LORD, you hear my voice; in the
morning I lay my requests before you and wait in
expectation."* Psalm 5:3

*"Worship God if you want the best;
worship opens doors to all His goodness."
Psalm 34:9 (Message)*

**2. THINK ON _____
THROUGHOUT THE DAY.**

DAVID: *"Though the wicked hide along the way to kill me, I will
quietly keep my mind upon your promises."*
Psalm 119:95 (LB)

"I've banked your promises in the vault of my heart..."
Psalm 119:11

*"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..."*
Philippians 4:8 (Message)

*"Let's keep a firm grip on the promises that keep us going.
He always keeps His Word."* Hebrews 10:23 (Message)

**3. TRUST IN _____ WHEN THINGS
LOOK BAD.**

DAVID: *"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."*
Psalm 42:11 (LB)

*"While we were children, our parents did what seemed best to
them. But God is doing what is best for us, training us to live
God's holy best."*
Hebrews 12:10 (Message)

*"I'll get you out of any trouble. I'll give you the best of care if
you'll only get to know and trust me."*
Psalm 91:14 (Message)

4. TALK WITH _____.

*"I'm a friend and companion of those committed to
living by your rules."*
Psalm 119:63 (Message)

*"Let us not give up the habit of meeting together...
Instead, let us encourage one another..."*
Hebrews 10:25 (GN)

"Keep company with God, get in on the best."
Psalm 37:4 (Message)

50 Days Of Faith Commitment

Attend

one of the 50 Days of Faith Small Groups
to get connected to others.

Read

the 50 Days of Faith Devotional
to get connected to God.

Memorize

a short Bible verse each week
to put God's word in my heart.

Don't miss

any of the eight messages
*on stretching your faith,
challenging your faith
and deepening your faith.*

Participate

in answering "How My Faith Has Grown" survey
to demonstrate your growing faith.