

UNEXPECTED EXPECTATION

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There should be a consistent flow of His surprises in the life of the believer

If our life has developed to the point that we are simply getting what we've always gotten, then we are no longer experiencing the fullness of who God wants to be for us.

Exodus 15:11 // Who is like unto you...doing wonders, wonder-working God

Job 9:10 // God does wonders without number, his miracle surprises can't be counted!!

Daniel 6:26-27 // For God is the living God and he endures forever; ... He rescues and he saves; he performs signs, wonders and astonishing miracles in the heavens and on the earth.

Psalms 77:14 // Thou art the God that doeth wonders, you do miracles and display your power, you are the God that makes things happen.

Exodus 34:10 // "And He said: "...I will do marvels such as have not been done in all the earth, nor in any nation; and all the people among whom you are shall see the work of the LORD. For it is an awesome thing that I will do with you."

This is the God we serve and this is what we should be expecting

He is the God of the unexpected supernatural

Ephesians 2:8-9 // 8 For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— 9 not by works, so that no one can boast.

Save (sozo) - save, heal, preserve, rescue

This verse gives us the formula to be “saved, healed, delivered, or rescued,” from any situation life presents us.

The key is three simple things: Grace, Faith, & Humility

• Grace •

2 Corinthians 12:7 // And lest I should be exalted above measure by the abundance of the revelations, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, a messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I be exalted above measure.

2 Corinthians 12:8-9 // 8 Concerning this thing I pleaded with the Lord three times that it might depart from me. 9 And He said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

Grace (charis) - kindness, favor, good-will, kindness which bestows upon one what he had not earned or deserved.

Grace is the goodness of God to pour his strength and power upon an individual or a situation to perform the seemingly impossible even though the individual does not deserve it.

• Humility •

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To live in the miraculous you must be humble enough to recognize that anything good in your life is from the hand of a good, good God.

James 4:6 // "But he gives us more grace. That is why Scripture says: "God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble."

James 4:7-10 // 7 Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. 8 Come near to God and he will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. 9 Grieve, mourn and wail. Change your laughter to mourning and your joy to gloom. Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up."

To walk in the miraculous we must recognize our inability to pull off the miraculous and simply rely upon God's amazing grace!

Zechariah 4:6-7 // 6 So he answered and said to me: "This is the word of the LORD to Zerubbabel: 'Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit,' Says the LORD of hosts. 7 'Who are you, O great mountain? Before Zerubbabel you shall become a plain! And he shall bring forth the capstone With shouts of "Grace, grace to it!"

It is only by complete and total humility that mountains move and the miraculously unexpected happens.

• Faith •

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Faith is the spiritual force that releases the Grace of God into our lives.

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How do we activate our faith to tap into the Grace of God?

- I believe God is good and willing to bless me even in unexpected miraculous ways

- I ask for His Grace to move in my situation

- I take freely what He says I can have
- I have it now because He says it's mine
- And I praise Him for giving me what only He could do!

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Let's start expecting the unexpected!