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***“Expect More:
The Effectual Working of the Word of God”***

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Introduction

We are now entering a time and season that the Holy Spirit is calling us to ‘expect more’ of a move of God in our lives. We are being set free from small thinking, small believing, small expectations and leaning to our own understanding in preparing the way of the Lord.

We are being stirred and moved by the Spirit of God to move past unbelief, doubt, fear, and to move to the greater things that God has prepared for our lives. The call is to all, however many will not rise up to mount up with wings as eagles; but there are those who will arise and do mighty exploits in the name of Jesus: **Are you one of those?**

I decree that by the time we finish the “Expect More” series that you who believe will see manifestations in your life that you have never seen before. I also decree that the Spirit of God will illuminate and enlighten your spirit man to rise up with faith and trust that will cause you to live and move as ‘more than conquerors.’

As we study the Word of God together, we will be delivered from the religious spirits that have hindered us from fully benefitting from God’s Word; and we will realize that we have truly been brought to the Kingdom of God for such a time as this.

It is no coincidence that God has favored you to be a part of this life changing experience. It has been divinely ordained by the Spirit of God to place this material in your hand; however, what you do with it will determine the measure of power that will manifest in your life. I have personally made the decision that I will not settle for ‘status quo’ Christianity. I, for one, will:

Expect more of His Presence
Expect more of His Power
Expect more of His Purity
Expect more of His Prosperity
Expect more of His Purpose and Plan

Expect more of His Pruning
Expect more of His Portion

WHAT ABOUT YOU?

“The Effectual Working of the Word of God”

One of the first areas that we looked at in a Friday night service was how to get the Word to effectively work in our lives. As I previously pointed out, the dedicated believer will:

- * Hear 156 sermons in a year's time
- * Listen to 52 - 60 CD's in a year's time
- * Read a minimum of 500 chapters or more of the Word of God in individualized study

With all of this Word being heard by an individual, my question is: “Why are we not seeing more manifestation in our lives? I believe the answer is found in **1 Thessalonians 2:13: “For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because, when ye received the word of God which ye heard of us, ye received it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which effectually worketh also in you that believe.”**

Outlined in this one verse we see several revelations:

- A. They heard the Word of God.
- B. They received the Word of God.
- C. They valued the Word of God, treating it as being directly from God.
- D. They allowed the Word to work completely and powerfully in their lives.
- E. They believed the Word with no doubt, unbelief, or being double-minded.

Essentially because Jesus is the Word, and the Word is Jesus **{John 1:1-14}**, they actually: Heard Jesus; Received Jesus; Valued Jesus; Allowed Jesus to work in their lives; and Believed Jesus with no doubt, unbelief, or being double-minded.

Why should we treat the Word of God as the most valuable treasure in our lives?

Please read: **Psalms 138:1-2; Hebrews 4:12; Mark 4:1-20; Isaiah 55:11.**

When we look at the word "effectually worketh", we find that it comes from the Greek word, "Energeo", and it means: **"to be active and energetic, to effect, prove oneself strong, to accomplish, to be acting. This is exactly what God wants His Word (Jesus) to be doing in each of our lives.**

In order to connect this power with our own lives, let's look at:

1 Corinthians 16:9—The effectual working of the Word {Jesus} opens doors for us and gives us power over all adversaries.

Ephesians 3:7—The effectual working of the Word {Jesus} releases us into our assignment and purpose, and releases on us the gift of the grace of God.

Ephesians 4:16—The effectual working of the Word {Jesus} releases us to walk in the full measure of the Body of Christ, building us up to walk in the unconditional love of God that never fails.

Philemon 6th verse—The effectual working of the Word {Jesus} shapes our confession, and releases every good thing that is in us by the power of Christ Jesus.

During our 30 days of corporate agreement and covenant power, we will be filling our spirit man with the 4 CD's on: "Expect More" and in actuality, we will be creating an expectancy for Jesus {the Word} to do more in our lives than we have ever experienced before. Make this confession with me:

"I confess with my mouth and believe in my heart that Jesus works effectually in my life in all areas. I now enter a time and season that I will see Jesus manifest His power, grace, fullness, prosperity, presence, and purity in my life; and there will be a visible demonstration of the Word that is working in me MIGHTILY. I refuse to be hindered, delayed, detoured, or allow excuses to keep me from being a doer of what I have vowed to do for the next 30 days. I now move into a place that I have never walked before, and because of Jesus working effectually in my life, those who are oppressed, held in captivity, walking in bondage, are sick or diseased will be healed and set free."

I EXPECT MORE.