

4. ADJUST YOUR EXPECTATIONS

“For because of our faith, he has brought us into this place of highest privilege where we now stand, and we confidently and joyfully look forward to actually becoming all that God has had in mind for us to be.” Romans 5:2 (LB)

LOOKING FORWARD MEANS:

1. YOU NEED TO _____ YOUR EXPECTATIONS.

“Be careful what you think, because your thoughts run your life.” Proverbs 4:23 (NCV)

How do you adjust your expectations?

- * You expect the _____.
- * You remember God’s still _____.
- * You focus on the greatest—your _____ with God.

“When you’re in over your head, I’ll be there with you. When you’re in rough waters, you will not go down. When you’re between a rock and a hard place, it won’t be a dead end—Because I am God, your personal God, The Holy of Israel, your Savior.” Isaiah 43:2-3 (MSG)

“Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the Lord your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you.” Deuteronomy 31:6 (NIV)

“...be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” Matthew 28:20b (NLT)

Looking Forward 

What expectation do I need to adjust?

2. YOU HOLD ON TO GOD’S _____.

“...I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God’s love. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow—not even the powers of hell can separate us from God’s love. No power in the sky above or in the earth below—indeed, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord.” Romans 8:38-39 (NLT)

What can separate me from God’s love?

Notes: _____

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