

Blessed #2 Faith | Michael Hayward - 5/28/23

## Blessed living with Expectant Faith - Hebrews 11

Knowing and believing who God is and what God has done for us should instill in us a sense of expectation that God is working in everything. It's easy for us to get distracted from that truth, so we need to keep ourselves acquainted with God's faithful goodness.

- When you find yourself in a situation where you lack direction, and your future seems uncertain, it's easy to get side tracked, distracted, and lost.
- We can persevere and deepen our faith by reflecting on the goodness and faithfulness of God throughout history, through others, and in our own lives.
- There is a difference between knowing about something intellectually, and knowing it by experience
- All the saints who so greatly served God lived by faith: they expected God to do something and He turned their ordinary acts of faith into extraordinary works of God.
- What opportunities has God set before you? How can He turn your ordinary activity into something extraordinary?

**Action Points:** Which one of these points will help you live positively blessed with hope this week?

Hope-filled expectation is a powerful influencer.

## TALK IT OVER

Discuss these questions with someone – maybe a family member, friend, or member of your LifeGroup. Use a communication method that works best for your situation.

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1. Have you ever felt uncertain, unsure of what to do and where things were going? What was your response to that? How did things turn out?
2. Do you think God is obligated to intervene in your circumstances? Why do you think He does? Have you ever recognized God working in the circumstances of your life?
3. Read 2 Corinthians 1:3-7. Whether you've been in church before or not, have you ever experienced this? What does this tell you about God's presence and activity in our lives?
4. Do you really believe the Good News that God showed you mercy by putting the punishment for your sin on Jesus, and that God gives grace through the presence and activity of His Spirit? How does that belief change how you live? How might God be able to bring that message to others through you?
5. How do you think it would change your perspective knowing that God is working something extraordinary in your ordinary circumstances? How does knowing that God wants to reveal himself and his redeeming love through you change the way you see going to work or school, spending time with friends or neighbors, how does it color your hopes, dreams, and goals?
6. Do: Try to build the habit of asking "God, what are you doing and how can I help?" Remember that waiting is worship when you're looking for God.

Pray: Father, help me live with a sense of expectation, believing and knowing that You are up to something good all the time. I want to experience Your extraordinary power and presence in my ordinary life.

- Do: Limitless Faith 4 day YouVersion Plans With Friends  
June Memory Verse: Romans 8:1 or 8:28