



We're Expecting | Doug Wekenman | 1.4-5

Weekly Study

SHARE

Happy New Year Red Rocks family and welcome to 2025! A new year filled with fresh beginnings and God's new mercies. We are kicking off this year with a series called, "**Get Ready.**" Pastor Doug gives us a message of expectancy for God's plans for us in 2025 and how we are to stand in confidence of His promises being fulfilled in our lives. Let's start this new year off right by going into it with a faith so strong we know with certainty that our God is able to do all that we ask of Him.

- Discuss with the group what you are expecting God to do in your life this year.
- What was one way you drew closer to God in your relationship with Him this past year?

GROW

Read Joshua 1:1-3

As we roll into the new year, we all have expectations of what is to come. We make resolutions and set goals to achieve, yet when it comes to asking God for what we truly want to happen we tend to doubt that He is able. "Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us." (Ephesians 3:20). We are reminded in this verse that the God we serve is able to do anything we bring to Him. It's when we truly believe that He is able that we can stand in faith expecting a miracle to manifest. Are you expecting a miracle this year? Get ready; for God is working. Many of us want breakthroughs in our lives and yet we don't want to step into the process of seeing the breakthrough, so we settle for where we are. Expectations bring about evidence. When we truly

expect God to move the way we move begins to change and it's in the moving that we witness the miracle slowly manifesting.

- What steps can you take to grow in the faith that will enable you to believe God is able to do what you want to receive?**

God promised to give the Israelites all the land in which they set foot into. Although He made this promise, it required action on their part to step into that land. Pastor Doug tells us the more we know God's ways the more we'll know his plans and what better way to know His ways than to read His word and seek His will through prayer. *Jeremiah 29:11* gives us a promise, however it's in the following verses that we see the action required of us to step into the promise. Verse 13 says, "*You will seek me and find me when you search for me with all your heart.*" Expectancy is faith and both require action. Many times we say we have faith that things will work out in times of trials, yet we stand idle when God is directing us to move and it's then we say things like, "I guess it wasn't meant to happen." Do not falter at the slightest glimpse of pressure. The more you keep the momentum of expectancy, the more you'll see God's plans come together.

- Why do we, as believers, sometimes find ourselves stagnant in complacency when it comes to God's plans for our lives?**

MOVE

Read Joshua 3:1-5

As the Israelites moved ahead to cross the Jordan they were commanded to go after the ark of the covenant. In the same way-when we see the Church moving along with the presence of God-we are to set out and follow after it. As this year carries an awareness of expectancy, we are called to be the Church in bringing the same hope we carry to the world around us that they too may witness God's goodness in their lives. The more we give ourselves to God and His plans, the more we will know the way we should go though we've never been. For His Word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our paths (Psalm 119:105).

- How can you become part of what God wants to do this year inside the Church?**
- What action steps can you take with the Church to be involved in the movement of God's kingdom?**

Everything begins with God. He wants us to know Him and to have a relationship with Him. The more we become wrapped up in His presence, the more we become aware of His

plans for both ourselves and the Church. Just as Joshua commanded the people to consecrate themselves; when we begin a new season, we tend to push the refresh button in order to make way for the new things about to take place. As we get ready for the extraordinary things God is about to do this year, let's take action and do extraordinary things for Him. We become skittish when the word fasting is brought up, yet we can take courage in this spiritual discipline. We see several examples of breakthroughs, miracles, and victories throughout the entire Bible when the discipline of fasting is practiced. It's in these examples that we can take heart and have confidence that denying ourselves of what we want - whatever that may look like for you - to access what we need will be the ultimate testimony of our expectancy of God's promises being played out in our lives. Are you ready to see God move this year?

- How can you encourage one another to remain steadfast during the 21 days of prayer and fasting?**
- What's one thing or hobby you can remove and how can you use that time to spend with God?**

P R A Y

As the group comes to a close, take time to discuss the central theme of this week's message. Pray to receive discernment when searching out God's plans for your lives and plans for the church. Pray that the Lord's strength is sufficient enough for the moments you feel vulnerable to fear and doubt when you're expecting God to do an extraordinary thing.

Share with one another your prayer requests and go around the group praying for each other.