



Lesson 128 Expectations

In this lesson for today the Lord will be teaching us about responsibility and potential. He began today's message with a focus on **Expectations**. Expectations are defined as:

Expectation:

-regard as likely to happen

-the act or state of looking forward or anticipation

-**something expected**

Synonyms – expectancy, anticipation, hope, trust

What I discovered from the review of that definition is that the mere sounding of the word.... **EXPECTATIONS...** seems to bring up strong emotions like one's of dread, fear, and inadequacy. I think this originates in the third part of the definition, the **something expected** part. However, focusing on that part of the definition completely wipes away the positivity of "likely to happen" or "looking forward with anticipation". So then the question might come up, "Is it human nature to focus on the negative?" Or "Is it part of the wiles of the enemy?" I don't believe the Lord wants us to be filled with dread, fear or inadequacy. I don't think He included that during His creation of the human DNA chain. Therefore, this negativity, these stifling feelings, must come from the enemy. Hence, he enters into today's message as well.

But let's go back to our introduction point of focus and look once again at the meaning of **expectation**. If we look at **expectations** from the Lord's perspective the focus will not be centered around the ominous **something expected** but it will instead be fixed upon the "looking forward with anticipation" portion of the definition. Consequently in the context of this message, the focus of expectations will be centered around a positive forward momentum that can only be found in the Lord. This week the Lord said,

Expectations, My expectations are never too high for you. They are always within reach. Therefore, go after your fullest potential. Work at it, understanding all the while that it is a process you are going through, a refining process. It happens over time. Don't beat yourself up because you don't get it right the first, second, or even the third time. The key is to not allow the enemy to make you accept feelings of defeat and self-doubt. The key is to keep at it! Keep moving forward forgetting the mistakes of the past, all the while, seeking after the Lord's will for the here and now. And then as you perfect this. Then there will be fewer and fewer instances of mistakes to be forgotten. Hence, you move towards your fullest potential, working and living in obedience. That is all for now, go in peace.

In the words above the Lord reiterated the fact that His **expectations** are not to bring on feelings of dread, fear or inadequacy. This is because we must realize that His **expectations are never too high**. But He also added this,

03/17/13 DP – **Worthiness.** What say you about worthiness? **I call who I will. It is My desire, based on My expectations, man cannot judge it. You are worthy because I say you are.**

Therefore as we proceed through this lesson we will come to see the desires that the Lord has for His children. We will learn of the connection between responsibility and potential and we will gain a greater understanding of the enemy's game plan for the destruction of purpose. But most importantly, we will see the Lord offering encouragement to us to continue moving forward in our walk with Him.

Never Too High

Have you ever felt that something was out of your reach? You didn't feel like it was something that you could either achieve or obtain. Basically, you were experiencing feelings of self-doubt and yes, even feelings of worthlessness to some degree. The Lord, however, wants to assure us that He is the Great Creator. He does not make mistakes, therefore, you were made perfectly, because He made you and you are His. The bible says,

Psalm 139:13-14 *For You formed my inward parts; You covered me in my mother's womb. I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; marvelous are Your works, and that my soul knows very well.*

Isaiah 43:7 *"Everyone who is called by My name, whom I have created for My glory; I have formed Him, yes, I have made him."*

The Lord our God created you. He does not make mistakes. Therefore, you are not a mistake. But just because He made you perfectly, this does not mean that you are perfect in your current state. To explore this idea let's look at the difference between the words mistake and perfect.

Mistake:

-an error in action, opinion, calculation or judgment caused by poor reasoning, carelessness or insufficient knowledge.

Perfect:

-conforming absolutely to the description or definition of an ideal type
-excellent or complete

Hence, the Lord did not make an error in action by creating you. Yet, we because of free will, choices, etc. we are not perfect. We do not conform absolutely to the ideal. And it is because of this, because we do not conform absolutely, it is because of this that we are not meeting our fullest potential. For this reason the Lord said,

03/18/13 CT - **Expectations, My expectations are never too high for you. They are always within reach. Therefore, go after your fullest potential. Work at it, understanding all the while that it is a process you are going through, a refining process. It happens over time. Don't beat yourself up because you don't get it right the first, second, or even the third time.**

So we are walking through a process here. It is a process that takes time. It does not happen overnight just like the Lord said. In fact there will probably be many more times that we do not get it right but what we must understand is that it is a step by step process. It is a "refining process" that has been compared to going through military boot camp by the Lord's in His

teachings to us. The Lord spoke of it in this way on the THH website in the Kingdom of God article as seen below: <http://www.takehisheart.com/kingdomofgodpriests.htm>

Boot Camp really starts at the beginning of working towards getting rid of **the three** main spots. Getting into the Golden Meetings and the Golden People section are necessary steps towards refinement. Keeping a *Flow Chart* and obeying God will continue the refining the Lord wants in a person's life, whether it is about meetings, fusion, or their everyday life.

As evidenced by this paragraph some of the steps we go through in our refining process are:

- getting rid of the three spots (salvation, tithing, and How the Holy Spirit teaches)
- Having Golden Meetings
- Keeping a Flow Chart
- obedience unto Him

These are some of the steps we are moving through when the Lord said,

Work at it, understanding all the while that it is a process you are going through, a refining process.

Consequently, the Lord understands and He wants you to understand as well, that it is a process. He acknowledges this. He is emphasizing it. He realizes that it takes effort. And this is the reason for His adding this:

It happens over time. Don't beat yourself up because you don't get it right the first, second, or even the third time.

He knows that it is a process. But at the same He still wants you to reach for your fullest potential.

February 25th God Calling - Set your standard very high. Aim at conquering a world, the world around you. Just say, "Jesus conquers" -- "Jesus saves" -- in the face of every doubt, every sin, every evil, every fear.

The Lord, as noted above, is directing us to conquer the world around us but we must understand that the world around us becomes the world within us as well.

March 4th God Calling - The elimination of self is the key to holiness and happiness, and can only be accomplished with My help. Study My life more. Live in My Presence. Worship Me.

Thus removing "self" is a part of our refining process. It is an important part of the Lord's Boot Camp as explained below:

When a person enters a military boot camp in a country, the military starts causing the person to surrender their will to the will of the military. It is really a learned thing to serve a country that way. It's the same in the *Lord's Boot Camp*. He won't make anyone join, but to serve Him we must get rid of "self" and learn His ways and walk in them. We must learn instant obedience.

The Lord's Expectations are never too high for you. They are always within reach. Therefore, go after your fullest potential. Work at it, understanding all the while that it is a process you are going through, a refining process. It happens over time. Don't beat yourself up because you don't get it right the first, second, or even the third time. Just keep working at it.

The Enemy

In the section above we talked about reaching our fullest potential by moving through the Lord's Boot Camp. We talked about getting rid of self and the world. But the Lord also helped us to understand that evil is out there. Remember as stated in the **February 25th God Calling - in the face of every doubt, every sin, every evil, every fear...** I believe the evil that is being spoken of here is the enemy. He is the one that makes you feel that something is out of your reach. He is the one who introduces self-doubt, worry, fear and even some feelings of worthlessness to a certain degree. But the Lord says,

The key is to not allow the enemy to make you accept feelings of defeat and self-doubt.

The Lord, however, did not stop there in His remarks regarding the enemy as He recently added this comment that makes a connection between the inability to change, self and the wiles of the devil. What it ultimately reveals is that our ability to reach our fullest potential will be limited if we do not resist the devil.

03/06/13 KE – **Conclusions, prepare results, that apprehend to the hearer.** (A reasoned deduction i.e. one that you come up with yourself, gets results that grab ahold of the hearer) What say you about this? **Dogmatic (dictatorial, unwarranted, arrogant), careless. Un-potential to change** and walk in the light. Light guides My people. What people Lord? Those that have been blinded by the enemy. He uses a cloak for pleasure to deceive and entrap the soul only to lead to a fruitless end. He is out and about seeking whom he may devour. Gird thyself with strength and resist the wiles of the devil.

We can see from these words that the Lord is encouraging us to resist the devil, the enemy. This is because He understands, better than we ever could, those very same **wiles of the devil**. He has, in fact, given us quite a few words in relationship to Him. For example,

03/07/13 BT MEETING – **Rebuke the enemy. Do not let him shake your confidence.** 03/14/13 KE - **The enemy would have you troubled. Play not to his games.**

03/19/13 SN – **The enemy wages war. Do not be overcome.**

And here are just a few of the points we have learned about the devil from THH: <http://www.takehisheart.com/satandevil.htm>

Michael, the warring archangel, treated the devil with respect! If you don't think the devil is a formidable enemy and has caused a formidable problem, then why did God have/need to send His own Son to defeat him and take care of that problem?

Satan is the most intelligent creation of God. He knows and understands so much about God and His Word that he actually thought he could be as God and dethrone Him.

The devil is very powerful (especially with thoughts), a person, a personality with a mind, and is the original source of all evil, just like the Bible reveals.

The enemy was using (uses) thoughts he knew I would most likely accept. He was giving me thoughts of, "You're losing your mind. Lying, deceiving saying things like, "God doesn't do this any more, it's of the devil." Who do you think you are to think God would speak to you? (haughty).

Confusion is of the devil.

He is the master deceiver.

Satan is a thought giver.

The enemy had an open door to my mind because of my lack of understanding (like the parable of the sower reveals).

It is possible for Satan to visit every human on the face of this earth, in fulfillment of what Jesus said here because time and distance are practically nonexistent in the spirit realm. (within a 24hr period)

An important point to understand that relates to the enemy is that He takes special notice of those who are working for the Lord. These are the people that He wants to pay special attention to. He will spend more time on them. After all, why bother messing with those people who are already being bad on their own. Consequently, he will pay more attention to them than to others. Just as it is explained below.

December 14th God Calling - Expect storms. Know this -- **you cannot be united in your great friendship and bond to do My work, and in your great Love for Me, and not excite the envy, hatred, and malice of all whom you meet who are not on My side.**

Where does the enemy attack? The fortress, the stronghold, not the desert waste.

The Lord also gave these words about the enemy.

03/06/13 KE – He (the enemy) is out and about seeking whom he may devour. Gird thyself with strength and resist the wiles of the devil. What say you about this? Lustful thought, fornication. Rebound with counter attacks, working righteousness and spending time with me in the intimate place.

03/07/13 BT – Find peace in Me. Rebuke the enemy. Do not let him shake your confidence. I know your abilities and ask no more or less than you are capable of. Focus on Me. Pay less attention to the world and more attention to Me and all will be well.

03/15/13 BN - Holy Spirit led...in all things, Walk in the light and let the darkness have no place, The enemy revels in your misery, I AM the way out...I AM the only way out

03/17/13 BN - Eliminate the enemy. Come against the enemy...not your fellow man...your brothers and sisters,

03/17/13 DP - Properly focus keep your eyes on Me know you are chosen the enemy hates you.

This week the Lord said, **The key is to not allow the enemy to make you accept feelings of defeat and self-doubt.** He encouraged us to remove the enemy from our life by both maintaining a bond with our God Jesus and by moving forward through boot camp refinement. And then this portion of the message brings us right back around to how we began this study by looking at expectations, potential, and responsibility recognizing that we need to “be on our toes” because it is the enemy’s desire to obtain the destruction of our purpose. It is his desire to make all expectations seem overwhelming. It is his desire to thwart our potential. It is his desire to make us shirk our responsibility to follow after the Lord. It is his desire to devour the Lord’s servants and children.

1 Peter 5:8 *Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.*

Forgetting Mistakes

In the last section of this lesson we talked about the enemy. We learned that we are not to allow him to affect our walk with the Lord. We learned that he will use whatever methods he believes will be the most successful because in the end it is his desire to thwart our potential. But his primary focus at this point seems to be to affect our confidence by putting forth thoughts of defeat and self-doubt. And the Lord's response to this enemy plan comes in this:

The key is to keep at it! Keep moving forward forgetting the mistakes of the past, all the while, seeking after the Lord's will for the here and now. And then as you perfect this then there will be fewer and fewer instances of mistakes to be forgotten.

Therefore the Lord's response to the enemy's plan is one of motivation. He is encouraging us to keep going, forget the past, **Keep moving forward**. Paul said it like this,

Philippians 3:13 *Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead.*

And the prophet Isaiah wrote,

Isaiah 43:18 *"Stop dwelling on past events and brooding over times gone by."*

Consequently, over and over again we see the Lord encouraging us to stop dwelling on past mistakes and begin again. For example, He said this to the two listeners,

February 1st God Calling - Take courage. Do not fear. Start a new life tomorrow. Put the old mistakes away, and start anew. I give you a fresh start. Be not burdened. Be not anxious. If My forgiveness were for the righteous only, and those who had not sinned, where would be its need?

October 14th God Calling - Do not dwell upon the past. You make My Sacrifice of no effect. No! realize that in Me you have all, complete forgiveness, complete companionship, complete healing. And these words as well received on October 14th reminded me that His Sacrifice does indeed cover them all.

01/27/13 DP - **I am guiding towards perfection you must follow My lead. Mistakes will be made along the way I will cover them, all will be covered.**

He even brought it to our attention that when we hold onto past mistakes and failures we are in effect attempting to bear the burdens ourselves.

November 8th God Calling - Forget the past. Remember only its glad days. Wipe the slate of your remembrance with Love, which will erase all that is not confirmed in Love. You must forget your failures, your failures and those of others. Wipe them out of the book of your remembrance.

I did not die upon the Cross for man to bear the burdens of his sins himself. "Who His own self bare our sins in His own body on the tree."

These passages taught us that Christ died for our sins, our mistakes. We do not have to carry them around with us. We instead turn them over to Christ to bear them for us. We release them to Him. But from the bible we have also been taught that we are to learn from mistakes. Whether they be our mistakes or the mistakes of others, we are still to learn from them. This is because from them we gain *instruction*.

1 Corinthians 10:11 *Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come.* ESV

In Uncharted Waters the Lord called us out. He said,

I am calling you to be pioneers, yet I have sent pioneers ahead of you to mark the way.

The dictionary defines a pioneer as a person who is among those who first enter or settle a region, thus opening it for occupation and development by others. The very nature of pioneers means they have to discover the way especially as they are among the first to enter there. Thus we can surmise that pioneers will make mistakes. For example, when the American pioneers moved west across the wilderness mistakes were made while attempting to learn, to discover a new way. We likewise are pioneers. We are moving across the wilderness as well.

January 16th God Calling - Nothing in the day is too small to be a part of My scheme.

It is the daily strivings that count, not the momentary heights. The obeying of My Will day in, day out, in the wilderness plains, rather than the occasional Mount of Transfiguration.

Perseverance is nowhere needed so much as in the religious life. The drudgery of the Kingdom it is that secures My intimate Friendship. I am the Lord of little things, the Divine Control of little happenings.

Nothing in the day is too small to be a part of My scheme.

Therefore we must **move towards** these new paths, new ways we are discovering in the Lord. Again as stated above the very nature of being a pioneer means discovery. It means we will make mistakes as we are rediscovering that which has been lost over time, however, the very fact that we are pioneers making mistakes, this should in no way stop our forward momentum. The Lord reaffirmed this in these words,

The key is to keep at it! Keep moving forward forgetting the mistakes of the past, all the while, seeking after the Lord's will for the here and now. And then as you perfect this. Then there will be fewer and fewer instances of mistakes to be forgotten.

Your Fullest Potential

We closed the last section by recognizing the fact that we are pioneers who are discovering a new way, making plenty of mistakes while we are at it. But a clue to reaching our fullest potential was included in the Lord's words. And the clue, well the clue, is really no clue at all. It is a truth, and that is **seeking after the Lord's will for the here and now**. This is what will lead us to our fullest potential. So let's look at this once again to see what we might discover in regards to seeking after the Lord's will.

The key is to keep at it! Keep moving forward forgetting the mistakes of the past, all the while, seeking after the Lord's will for the here and now. And then as you perfect this. Then there will be fewer and fewer instances of mistakes to be forgotten. Hence, you move towards your fullest potential, working and living in obedience.

What we discovered from reading this is that ultimately **seeking after the Lord's will** leads to **working and living in obedience** unto Him and it is in this that we will find our fullest potential. So let's compare spiritual to spiritual and seek the Lord's direction on obedience in the here and now.

03/14/13 MVA - **Instant obedience a must.**

03/14/13 DP - **Obedience, obedience, obedience** this is how you relish refinement, ongoing process relish it anticipate perfection you will be perfected through Me.

03/15/13 MVA - **I AM giving guidance and instruction to all.** Listening ears are hearing. Instant obedience without self key.

03/17/13 CT - **Obedience is a must.**

03/17/13 DP - I am guiding the way illuminating the path you must only follow in obedience the victory is yours, follow Me, what say you about follow Me? My ways, My laws, My precepts, the correct pattern of doing things, do you understand?

03/19/13 LW – **Come be My servant.**

The Lord is illuminating this pioneer path we are discovering together. Yes, we will make mistakes but we learn from mistakes. The Lord has told us that He is not a critical God but a God of absolute truth. It is through His truth that we are working and living in obedience, learning and growing, coming into our fullest potential.

Summation

In this lesson for today the Lord has taught us about expectations. He has taught us to not dread the Lord's expectations because He will not give us more than we can bear. We have learned about reaching our fullest potential through being obedient and following after the Lord's will. Yes, we discovered that as pioneers, mistakes will be made but it is all a part of the refining process, after all, we are learning what has been lost over time. Therefore, let us go forward through the Lord's boot camp, through this refining process, seeking out the Lord for direction, being cautious as we have been reminded that the enemy is out there attempting to halt our forward momentum in the Lord.

The Lord reminded us of this through these words as well:

January 5th God Calling - Love Me and do My Will. No evil shall befall you. You shall be taught, continue these prayer time's (Golden Meetings), even if they seem fruitless. The devil will try by any means to stop them. Heed him not. He will say evil spirits may enter in. Heed him not.

03/07/13 BT – **Find peace in Me**. **Rebuke the enemy**. **Do not let him shake your confidence**. I know your abilities and ask no more or less than you are capable of. Focus on Me. Pay less attention to the world and more attention to Me and all will be well.

03/15/13 BN - I AM the teacher, Be lead by Me and by no one else, This does not mean I will not teach through others...but make sure it is of Me...from Me, Holy Spirit led in everything, Come against the enemy...not your fellow man...your brothers and sisters, All will be placed by Me according to My purpose, Tests must be taken and passed...licenses obtained, I design the tests...I alone AM the grader, You are progressing...moving into the correct position, Continue on.

03/18/13 KE - Formulating. What about formulating? Manifestations. **Is there more? My happenings (something that happens, occurrence)** will be completed in the earth. What about happenings? Miracles abounding, darkness turned to light, the enemy trampled under My servants feet. All is completed in Me, Yeshuah.

03/19/13 CT - Overcome evil, overcome self, be My obedient, loving, servant and child. Grasp all the truths I give you. Meditate on these and then follow My guideline. Act. Remember the message My brother taught. Faith without works is dead. Be the person I would have you be. Position yourself correctly by following Me. Continue reading, studying, meditating and praying. Be Mine.

Let us position ourselves correctly by following after Him. Let's continue following after the leading edge, living within His will, following His Kingdom principles.

03/19/13 MVA - **Keep focus on leading edge.**

03/19/13 BN - My will be done, Progress forthcoming, Blessings being given, Know your place...a servant of me, Observe and report, Holy and faithful servants must become, Kingdom principles...foundation, Discipline and obedience rewarded.

May the Lord Guide Us in Our Pioneer Walk,
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