

## Session Seven Assignment

### Chapter: Live in Expectation

#### Key Point

Expect to encounter Jesus, the Word made flesh, in your time with Him. He longs to speak to you.

- 1) Do you “hear” the sound of His voice? If so, did you hear early in your walk, or did that take time to develop?

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- 2) If your answer above was no, don’t be discouraged. How can your commitment of faith and believing God will show up set the stage for your heart to be receptive?

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- 3) When you read something in Scripture that you don’t understand, do you immediately look at study notes or commentaries? How can this lead you to “expect” to hear from man instead of God, the Author?

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- 4) Read Psalm 32:8 and John 14:25-26. Who promises to be your Teacher? \_\_\_\_\_

#### Key Point:

As you read your Bible more, you will grow in understanding, and your faith will grow deeper.

- 5) Do you challenge yourself to go deeper with God in your reading or simply skim the surface? Do you allow the Spirit to interrupt your flow of reading so that you can hear what He is trying to teach you?

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- 6) Has there been a specific verse that God has used to address a misstep on your part, when you *knew* the Word was pointing at you or your actions? Share your experience.

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*If God is calling you to trust Him enough to step out in faith, then rest assured He will either catch you if you fall or teach you invaluable lessons when you land. – You. Are. Loved.*

- 7) Can you recall a time when you stepped out in faith only to encounter what seemed like failure? Did you later discover how God used this to grow you or your faith?

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- 8) How is God growing your baby steps of faith into bigger steps? Can you recognize an area of your life where you are now taking bigger steps?

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### Key Point

Inner healing will take place through the Word.

- 9) Write Psalm 107:20 in the space below. Do you believe this verse and approach the Word with hope for healing? List an example of a verse or passage that has helped in your healing.

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- 10) If you struggle believing the Word can heal you, know that you can ask Jesus to help you in your unbelief, just as the father did in Mark 9:24. Write your prayer below.

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- 11) What collateral damage has been done in your life by the world's warfare?

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- 12) Has the enemy convinced you that your lingering wounds are now part of who you are? Have your wounds become your identity, or do you possibly cling to a victim mentality?

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- 13) Read all of Isaiah 61. Write out the verses that most speak to your healing in the past and even your current need for healing. Dig deep here! You can claim these promises for your life.

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- 14) God can use you in spite of or even because of your past. Nothing is wasted in His hands (Isaiah 61:3). Share your own beauty-for-ashes story below.

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God will speak clearly and precisely, and questions will be answered.

- 15) Read 1 Kings 19:9-13. After falling from a mountain of victory to a valley of despair, Elijah was spiritually and physically drained. God approached him in a unique way. In what ways have you heard from God that met you exactly where you were?

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- 16) An earthly dad's tone may differ depending on his child's unique needs at the time. What are some different ways your Father may need to address or respond to you as His child? For example, my "Madmen" question required a firm no.

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- 17) God is in every detail of your life, even those things you may consider minor. Have there been emphatic nos from God to a particular behavior or attitude in your life? Share below.

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- 18) Can you recall a time when you received a gentle Word from the Lord?

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- 19) Has God used any verse like a crack of thunder, one that stopped you in your tracks?

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- 20) Read Proverbs 3:5-6 and fill in the blanks below.

\_\_\_\_\_ **in the LORD with all your heart.** You must trust Him enough to follow.

**Lean not on your** \_\_\_\_\_ **understanding.** His direction often flies in the face of worldly wisdom.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Him in all your ways.** All means all, not some, not the ones that match your viewpoint.

**He** \_\_\_\_\_ **direct your path.** God wants to answer questions for those who want to hear His answers.

- 21) Based on the information above, why might some people struggle with hearing God?

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Your mind will be transformed as you hide His Word in your heart.

22) What stories or people in the Bible has God most used to transform your mind or your life? Tell why.

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23) What are specific passages that you return to when you are:

Anxious \_\_\_\_\_ Angry \_\_\_\_\_

Overwhelmed \_\_\_\_\_ Sad \_\_\_\_\_

Hurting \_\_\_\_\_ Lonely \_\_\_\_\_

Ashamed \_\_\_\_\_ Bitter \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*Search online if you don't have a go-to. Find weapons from the Word for your arsenal.

24) What is the primary way we can hide God's Word in our hearts?

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25) What is the difference between drawing the essence of a verse into your mind and absorbing it into your understanding versus simply memorizing the words?

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26) What situations have you experienced when a memorized verse came to mind to direct you or give you unexpected insight?

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*To live in expectation means you know God loves you and you know that His love will speak and guide those who read His Love Letter. – You. Are. Loved.*

27) How might you convince a newcomer to the faith that God's Word is truly alive and a reflection of His heart? What proof from your own experience can you share?

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