



*“Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.” Ephesians 3:20–21 (NIV)*

*“When he had gone indoors, the blind men came to him, and he asked them, “Do you believe that I am able to do this?” “Yes, Lord,” they replied. Then he touched their eyes and said, “According to your faith let it be done to you”; Matthew 9:28–29 (NIV)*

## WHAT ARE YOU EXPECTING FROM GOD?

### 1. 1. PERHAPS YOU EXPECT TOO LITTLE

- Abraham underestimated God’s mercy

*The Lord said, “If I find fifty righteous people in the city of Sodom, I will spare the whole place for their sake.” Genesis 18:26 (NIV)*

*Then (Abraham) said, “May the Lord not be angry, but let me speak just once more. What if only ten can be found there?” He answered, “For the sake of ten, I will not destroy it.” Genesis 18:32 (NIV)*

- Sarah underestimated God’s promise

*“So Sarah laughed to herself as she thought, “After I am worn out and my lord is old, will I now have this pleasure?”” Genesis 18:12 (NIV)*

*“Then the Lord said to Abraham, “Why did Sarah laugh and say, “Will I really have a child, now that I am old?” Is anything too hard for the Lord? I will return to you at the appointed time next year, and Sarah will have a son.”” Genesis 8:13–14 (NIV)*

- The 10 spies underestimated God’s power

*“We saw the Nephilim there (the descendants of Anak come from the Nephilim). We seemed like grasshoppers in our own eyes, and we looked the same to them.”” Numbers 13:33 (NIV)*

### 2. GOD WANTS TO RAISE YOUR EXPECTATIONS

- Have the faith of the three young Hebrew men

*“If we are thrown into the blazing furnace, the God we serve is able to deliver us from it, and he will deliver us from Your Majesty’s hand.” Daniel 3:17 (NIV)*

*“But even if he does not, we want you to know, Your Majesty, that we will not serve your gods or worship the image of gold you have set up.”” Daniel 3:18 (NIV)*

- Believe the promise of God

*““ “If you can?”” said Jesus. “Everything is possible for one who believes.”” Mark 9:23 (NIV)*

- Call on God for greater things

*““Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know.”” Jeremiah 33:3 (NIV)*

- Volunteer for a bigger task

*““Now then, just as the Lord promised, he has kept me alive for forty-five years since the time he said this to Moses, while Israel moved about in the wilderness. So here I am today, eighty-five years old! I am still as strong today as the day Moses sent me out; I’m just as vigorous to go out to battle now as I was then. Now give me this hill country that the Lord promised me that day. You yourself heard then that the Anakites were there and their cities were large and fortified, but, the Lord helping me, I will drive them out just as he said.”” Joshua 14:10–12 (NIV)*

### 3. REALIZE THAT THERE IS INFINITE POWER AT WORK WITHIN YOU

- Infinite ability

*Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father.” John 14:12 (NIV)*

- Infinite love

*“He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?” Romans 8:32 (NIV)*

- Infinite grace

*“And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work.” 2 Corinthians 9:8 (ESV)*