

# PURSUING OUR CAPACITY



What Drives Our Expectation?

# What are expectations?

“Expectations are beliefs that come from a person’s thought process when examining evidence.”

# Hope = (*yaw-kheel*) to wait with tense expectation

## Proverbs 13:12 (JPS)

<sup>12</sup> Hope deferred maketh the heart sick; but desire fulfilled is a tree of life.

## Proverbs 13:12 (MSG)

<sup>12</sup> Unrelenting disappointment leaves you heartsick, but a sudden good break can turn life around.

## Matthew 21:1–11 (NLT)

<sup>1</sup> As Jesus and the disciples approached Jerusalem, they came to the town of Bethphage on the Mount of Olives. Jesus sent two of them on ahead. <sup>2</sup> “Go into the village over there,” he said. “As soon as you enter it, you will see a donkey tied there, with its colt beside it. Untie them and bring them to me. <sup>3</sup> If anyone asks what you are doing, just say, ‘The Lord needs them,’ and he will immediately let you take them.” <sup>4</sup> This took place to fulfill the prophecy that said, <sup>5</sup> “Tell the people of Jerusalem, ‘Look, your King is coming to you. He is humble, riding on a donkey— riding on a donkey’s colt.’ ”

<sup>6</sup> The two disciples did as Jesus commanded. <sup>7</sup> They brought the donkey and the colt to him and threw their garments over the colt, and he sat on it. <sup>8</sup> Most of the crowd spread their garments on the road ahead of him, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. <sup>9</sup> Jesus was in the center of the procession, and the people all around him were shouting, “Praise God for the Son of David! Blessings on the one who comes in the name of the LORD! Praise God in highest heaven!” <sup>10</sup> The entire city of Jerusalem was in an uproar as he entered. “Who is this?” they asked. <sup>11</sup> And the crowds replied, “It’s Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee.”

## Luke 19:41–42 (NLT)

<sup>41</sup> But as he came closer to Jerusalem and saw the city ahead, he began to weep. <sup>42</sup> “How I wish today that you of all people would understand the way to peace. But now it is too late, and peace is hidden from your eyes.

## Luke 19:47–48 (NLT)

<sup>47</sup> After that, he taught daily in the Temple, but the leading priests, the teachers of religious law, and the other leaders of the people began planning how to kill him. <sup>48</sup> But they could think of nothing, because all the people hung on every word he said.

# An unsafe place to have expectation is when:

- We don't examine the evidence
- We create an imagination in our minds of expectation
- We are swept up in the crowd of majority thinking



## Romans 1:18, 20-21 (NLT)

<sup>18</sup> But God shows his anger from heaven against all sinful, wicked people who suppress the truth by their wickedness.

<sup>20</sup> For ever since the world was created, people have seen the earth and sky. Through everything God made, they can clearly see his invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature. So they have no excuse for not knowing God. <sup>21</sup> Yes, they knew God, but they wouldn't worship him as God or even give him thanks. And they began to think up foolish ideas of what God was like. As a result, their minds became dark and confused.

## Hebrews 11:1 (NIV)

<sup>11</sup> Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.

**Hope = to expect, to anticipate**

# God's love surpasses human knowledge

**“God cannot live up to our expectations,  
we have to live up to His...”**

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