

Are you expecting?

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

There are certain things that I don't expect anymore because I have been disappointed.

There are things I don't expect anymore after being disillusioned by other people's actions and reactions.

There are certain things I don't expect anymore because of painful valleys and trying personal times.

There are certain things I don't expect anymore because of certain prayers that have gone unanswered.

As I read these words from Ephesians in our prayer meeting Wednesday night, we decided to pray from that perspective. "Now to him who is able..." What have you been telling yourself lately? It's true that when you look at life you can get kind of cynical. But when you really look to the Lord and see him as he is, it is hard to imagine anything that he cannot accomplish. He is the "immeasurably more" God.

Have you lowered your expectations lately? Where?

Paul says in the verses above that his power is at work within us. That's personal. Your Father is doing a personal work within you. Not to harm you. Not to disappoint you. Not to frustrate you, but to bring "glory to the church." In other words, Jesus is doing the same thing in your life as he did with the man who was born blind (John chapter 9). Jesus reveals that this blindness happened so that the work of God might be displayed in his life (9:3). What work is God trying to display in your life?

Right there, at the point of your trial, frustration, disappointment and painful valley is your "immeasurably more" God looking to bring glory to your life by doing what he does best, more than you can imagine.

Let's raise our expectations together. Look to him and nowhere else. David said, "Those who look to him are radiant, their faces are never covered with shame." Psalm 34:5

To him be glory throughout all generations, even our generation, for ever, and ever! Amen.