

Great Expectations

Week 1: What Did You Expect?

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Let's look at an old book written by a dead guy - DEUTERONOMY

It's Hebrew name is **Debarim**, meaning "WORDS".

We have crafted words at Calvary Chapel to give us direction and purpose:

VISION: *to be a family that links faith in Jesus Christ from Generation to Generation.*

MISSION: *to ENGAGE people to live surrendered lives as constant disciples in Kingdom service to Christ our Lord.*

For a generation the Israelites settled for less and it cost them greatly.

Important words of Moses:

- He addresses "***all Israel***".
- He frequently uses the phrase "***beyond the Jordan***".
- And then he recounts the places they've already been.

**GREAT EXPECTATIONS ARE REALIZED BY A
SERIES OF SMALL WINS.**

God has already graciously led us through a lot of small wins to get us here today.

Moses shares next *SMALL WINS for the Israelites*. Deuteronomy 4:1

- "***Listen***" - a call to heed and obey.
- "***Land***" - linked to obedience
- "***Ancestors***" - it is not just about us!

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As a part of trying to figure out our next “small wins” we’ve adopted Strategic Goals for those who attend our church. Here’s a few:

- *Accepting Christ as the Son of God & the sacrificial Savior of the world.*
- *Beginning a life of obedience by being baptized.*
- *Surrendering our sins, our lives, and our work to Him*
- *Agreeing with the truth and authority of the Bible*
- *Seek out tools, resources, and habits that will foster the spiritual development of myself and those in my sphere of influence.*
- *Identify and become a member of our congregation*
- *Get involved in relationships through smaller groups - Sunday School, Sunday Nights, Wednesday Nights, Men’s Ministry, Ladies’ Ministry, etc*
- *Discover your spiritual gifts and find a ministry to serve in.*
- *Support the ministries of Calvary Chapel through planned giving*
- *See the needs of the world around me, and ask “how can I get involved?”.*
- *Share, invite, pray, invest in the lives of those who desperately need God because we all desperately need Him!*

The Israelites had a choice: Staying where you are is called the “STATUS QUO”.

For Calvary Chapel and each of us here today, God wants our Vision and Mission to be more than just words. I believe that God has more for us “***across the Jordan***”.

To get there will require faith and action.