



## Lesson Five Daring to Raise Your Expectations

### Day 1

1. Read Chapter 5 in A Sudden Glory.
2. On a scale of 1-10 with 10 being the greatest, where would you place your expectations of experiencing God on a daily basis?
3. Do you feel that God is urging you to raise your expectations in your relationship with Him? I'm not talking about wanting more things from Him. I'm talking about having a deeper relationship with Him.

### Day 2

1. Answer questions 1-5 in Lesson 5 of the Study Guide.
2. In question 3, I asked if God would get mad at you for asking Him to increase your faith. I hope you said "no." He won't. I promise. Here's something to remember. God has given you a "measure of faith." When the Bible talks about increasing our faith, that means increasing the *strength* of the faith that we already have...much like increasing the strength of a muscle. You have the faith. You might need to increase the strength of what you have.

Now, what is your part in "increasing" your faith?

3. Just as God asked Martha a question in John 11:23-26 (question 5), is there a question He is asking you? Share your answer in the comment box.
4. What new insights did you learn today about raising your spiritual expectations? Leave your answer in the comment box.

### Day 3

1. Answer questions 6-10 in Lesson 5 of the Study Guide.
2. Would you say you are living “below the bar” or “above the bar” when it comes to living as a child of the King?
3. What do you need to do to start living as an invited guest to the King’s table? Remember, Mephibosheth still had a limp...and you might have one too. But you are still royalty.

### Day 4

Day four of each week has extra Bible study questions that are not in the Bible Study Guide. These are for on-line Bible study participants who want to dig a little deeper.

1. After Jesus’ resurrection, he walked with the 2 men on the Road to Emmaus (Luke 24:13-35). Why do you think they didn’t recognize Him? Do you think they were expecting Him?

Could it be that we do not recognize Jesus walking right alongside us because we are not expecting Him to be?

2. In Bible times, women had very low expectations in life. They moved about as shadows in society who had no rights and were treated as property. Read each passage and note how Jesus sought to raise expectations for each of these women He encountered in light of the culture of His day.

Women were not allowed to associate with men in public: Luke 8:1-2

Women were not allowed to testify in court and viewed as unreliable witnesses: John 20:16-17

Women were not allowed to study under a Rabbi’s teaching: Luke 10:38-42

In the Old Testament, men were referred to as “sons of Abraham.” What did Jesus call the woman with the crippled back? Luke 13:15-16 What does that mean to you as a woman? Please share your answer in the comment box.

3. Consider making the words of Psalm 118:24 the first words of expectant living that pass your lips each morning.

### Day 5

It’s time for a video chat. Click on the video link for some face-to-face time. After viewing the video, come back and share what impacted you the most this week?