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Chapter 8. Learning the power of real LOVE.

Week 32: Let's define love and INTIMACY, as we consider our selfish expectations.

Video: Hope Springs

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Word of the Week: Expect

Theme verse: *But love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them without expecting to get anything back. Then your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High, because he is kind to the ungrateful and wicked.* – Luke 6:35

Quotes: “Love has nothing to do with what you are expecting to get - only with what you are expecting to give - which is everything.”
– Katharine Hepburn

John Eldredge: “Emasculation happens in marriage as well. Women are often attracted to the wilder side of a man, but once having caught him they settle down to the task of domesticating him. Ironically, if he gives in he'll resent her for it, and she in turn will wonder where the passion has gone.”

Questions: What do you expect from God? What do you expect from your wife, or future wife? Can we expect good results, if we do good work? What does intimacy mean to you? How is that different than love?

Highlight Video: I want to say I'm sorry, Andrew Peterson

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Word of the Week: Expect

Dictionary:

verb

- to look forward to; regard as likely to happen; anticipate the occurrence or the coming of: *I expect to read it. I expect him later. She expects that they will come.*
- to look for with reason or justification: *We expect obedience.*
- Informal. to suppose or surmise; guess: *I expect that you are tired from the trip.*
- to anticipate the birth of (one's child): *Paul and Sylvia expect their second very soon.*

Quotes: “How can you and I expect to glide naively through life, as if to say, “Lord, give me experience, but not grief, sorrow, pain, or opposition, and certainly not to be forsaken.” – Neal A. Maxwell

“Generosity is doing something for someone else expecting nothing in return.” – Simon Sinek

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“Pray for the best, prepare for the worst, and expect the unexpected.” – Gary Busey

“Some people really expect the passion of love to fill and gratify every need of life, whereas nature only intended that it should meet one of many demands.” – Willa Cather

“If we are true Christians, we must not expect everything smooth in our journey to heaven. Free pardon and full forgiveness, grace along the way, and glory at the end, all this our Savior has promised to give. But He has never promised that we shall have no afflictions.” – J. C. Ryle

Bible: Psalm 5:2-3

Hear my cry for help, my King and my God, for to you I pray. In the morning, Lord, you hear my voice; in the morning I lay my requests before you and wait **expectantly**.

Isaiah 58:4

Your fasting ends in quarreling and strife, and in striking each other with wicked fists. You cannot fast as you do today and **expect** your voice to be heard on high.

Haggai 1:9

“You **expected** much, but see, it turned out to be little. What you brought home, I blew away. Why?” declares the Lord Almighty. “Because of my house, which remains a ruin, while each of you is busy with your own house.”

Matthew 11:2-4

When John, who was in prison, heard about the deeds of the Messiah, he sent his disciples to ask him, “Are you the one who is to come, or should we **expect** someone else?” Jesus replied, “Go back and report to John what you hear and see.

Matthew 20:10-11

So when those came who were hired first, they **expected** to receive more. But each one of them also received a denarius. When they received it, they began to grumble against the landowner.

Luke 6:33-35

And if you do good to those who are good to you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners do that. And if you lend to those from whom you **expect** repayment, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, **expecting** to be repaid in full. But love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them without **expecting** to get anything back. Then your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High, because he is kind to the ungrateful and wicked.

Acts 3:4-6

Peter looked straight at him, as did John. Then Peter said, “Look at us!” So the man gave them his attention, **expecting** to get something from them. Then Peter said, “Silver or gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk.”

Philippians 1:20-21

I eagerly **expect** and hope that I will in no way be ashamed, but will have sufficient courage so that now as always Christ will be exalted in my body, whether by life or by death. For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain.

Hebrews 10:26-27

If we deliberately keep on sinning after we have received the knowledge of the truth, no sacrifice for sins is left, but only a fearful **expectation** of judgment and of raging fire that will consume the enemies of God.