

RAISE YOUR EXPECTATIONS

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Do not allow your pain, your
circumstances, and trials to lead you to
draw the wrong conclusions about
God.

OBTAINING THE PROMISE

Hebrews 6:12 “So that you may not be **sluggish**, but imitators of those who through **FAITH** and **PATIENCE** (perseverance) inherit the promises.

IT WILL TAKE FAITH

Jesus was in the stern, sleeping on a cushion. The disciples woke him and said to him, “Teacher, don’t you care if we drown?” He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, “Quiet! Be still!” Then the wind died down and it was completely calm. He said to his disciples, “**Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?**”



IT WILL TAKE PATIENCE (PERSEVERENCE)

Romans 4:18 - 22 Against all hope, Abraham in hope believed and so became the father of many nations, just as it had been said to him, “So shall your offspring be. Without weakening in his faith, he faced the fact that his body was as good as dead—since **he was about a hundred years old—and that Sarah’s womb was also dead.** Yet he did not **waver through unbelief** regarding the promise of God, but was strengthened in his faith and gave glory to God, **being fully persuaded that God had power to do what he had promised.** This is why “it was credited to him as righteousness.”



PRAY AND PREPARE FOR THE RAIN

1 Kings 18:44 Then he said to his servant, “Go and look out toward the sea.” The servant went and looked, then returned to Elijah and said, “I didn’t see anything.” Seven times Elijah told him to go and look. Finally the seventh time, his servant told him, “I saw a little cloud about the size of a man’s hand rising from the sea.”



PRAY AND PREPARE FOR THE RAIN

Then Elijah shouted, “Hurry to Ahab and tell him,
‘Climb into your chariot and go back home. If you
don’t hurry, the rain will stop you