

**SERMON SERIES:** Expectations: Be Bold  
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## Key Line

What you allow to live within you will determine what God does through you.

## Introduction

An expectation is a strong belief that something will happen or that someone will or should achieve something.

- Think of someone you love. What are some expectations you have of that person?
- What are some expectations you have for yourself?
- Were your expectations met? How did you feel about that?

In our relationship with God, we feel he has expectations of us.

- What kind of expectations do you think God has of his people?

## Seek the Word

Read 2 Timothy 1:1-10

- What was happening in Paul's life at the time he wrote this letter to Timothy? (*He was in prison and was writing to Timothy to encourage and instruct him.*)
- How did Paul describe Timothy in verse 1? (*"My dear son"*) What does this tell us about their relationship and how Paul felt about Timothy? (*He loved him deeply, like a son, so he had high hopes for Timothy's spiritual growth.*)
- What instruction does Paul give Timothy about fear in verse 7? (*Not to give in to fear*) What does the Holy Spirit do for us in situations where we might fear? (*Does not give us timidity but power. The Holy Spirit gives us love and power to stand up to temptation.*)
- How does love lead us to power and strength? (*Love empowers us to try things and be brave.*) Give some examples of how love has given you the courage to do things you wouldn't normally do.

## Talk About It

Spiritual apathy happens when we stop living with boldness and start accepting less in our spiritual lives. "Your ability to grow will always be in direct proportion to endure pain."

- What are some ways you can tell when you are becoming spiritually apathetic? (*One answer is that we seek comfort over growth.*)
- How is God calling you to step up to his expectations of living with boldness? Give an example of a big way and a small way you are called to be bold.
- How does meeting together with other Christians help us be bolder and less apathetic in our spiritual lives? (*We must learn to get along with one another, must help one another, must examine ourselves and how we are doing spiritually when we are in relationship with one another.*)
- How can we help each other live with more spiritual boldness this week?