**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.**