

When the Unexpected Happens

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As I am writing this, the Florida Gators football team is losing to Louisville in the Sugar Bowl by 20 points. Over and over throughout the telecast, the commentators have been talking about this being the biggest upset in BCS history if the score holds up. The reason this would be one of the biggest upsets is because Louisville wasn't expected to win. The Florida Gators were favored to win by 14 points. In football that's a lot of points to be favored by, especially when you're currently losing by 20 points late in the third quarter. None the less, as a football fan, and as a Tennessee Vols fan, I'm cheering for the unexpected to happen. Go Louisville!

Unlike football, when it comes to God, we should never be surprised when the unexpected happens. God is in the business of doing the unexpected because with Him, nothing is impossible (Mark 10:27). Consider a few examples of God doing the unexpected throughout the Bible.

1. He created the world and everything in it by simply speaking (Genesis 1).
2. He caused the Red Sea to divide so the Israelites could pass on dry ground (Exodus 14).
3. He provided His people water from a rock (Exodus 17).
4. He brought forth His son through a virgin birth (Matthew 1).
5. He turned the world upside down through the hands of ordinary, uneducated men (Acts 4:13; 17:6).
6. He would often use the weak, unpopular and least expected to accomplish His purposes (Gideon, Rahab, David, Jeremiah, Matthew, Peter, etc.).
7. He provided a way for sinful men to find salvation through the death of His one and only son (John 3:16; Romans 5:8).

No one expected Louisville to pull off the biggest upset in BCS history, however, they just did 😊. As Christians, we should always expect God to do the unexpected. When He does, we should never be surprised! What unexpected thing are you expecting God to do in this New Year? Believe and know, with God, all things are truly possible!