

## Lesson 178 Gaining Confidence

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### Introduction

Today's lesson is about gaining confidence in the Lord. It is centered-around one truth, and that is that, there is nothing impossible for Him. But in order for this truth to be firmly rooted in you; well in order for this to happen, you must first increase your confidence by accepting several important facts about the Lord. I've listed these important facts below. They are as follows:

- He loves you.
- He wants the best for you.
- He is in control. He has a plan.
- He's always there for you.
- He will never let you down.

These are the main elements that were brought forth by the Lord in today's message; therefore, they will be explored in greater detail as we now know that acceptance of them will help us gain the surety that we have been looking for in Him. Basically, what I am saying then is that recognition of these truths, this will help us to have confidence,

but we all have to have eyes open for seeing and hearts open for receiving all that He gives.

In the bible we are told that:

**Psalm 118:8** *It is better to trust in the Lord Than to put confidence in man.*

**Proverbs 3:26** *For the Lord will be your confidence, and will keep your foot from being caught.*

But what is confidence?

Confidence:

-full trust, belief in the powers, trustworthiness, or reliability of a person or thing

-certitude (free from doubt)

-assurance (certainty)

Synonyms: belief, credence, faith, surety, sureness

So it sounds like confidence is about faith, reliance and dependence. And as I was thinking about all of this, well, I suddenly realized that gleaning a feeling of security, this is also a by-part of that process. Therefore, let's move forward in today's message, exploring the many elements of walking in the confidence of the Lord.

## **The Depths of His Love**

In the Introduction section of the lesson we noted that confidence is about faith, reliance and dependence. But what we may have failed to communicate to you is that when speaking of confidence one can either be talking about having confidence in oneself or they can be talking about having confidence in another, but let's continue on.

Now think back to the Apostle Paul for example. He was a man who as the bible put it, breathed "*threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord*", yet when he was walking on the road to Damascus he was spoken to by the very one he persecuted. And once Jesus spoke to him, Paul fell to the ground, *trembling and astonished*, whereupon he immediately began to follow the path the Lord laid out for him. And even though he looked upon himself as *the very least of all the saints* he still obtained the confidence to move forward in the Lord. And what's more is that, it is this very same confidence that he encouraged in the people of Ephesus, as noted below:

**Ephesians 3:8-19** *To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things, so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was according to the eternal purpose that he has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through our faith in him. So I ask you not to lose heart over what I am suffering for you, which is your glory.*

*For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith--that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.*

Paul gained confidence through his walk with the Lord. He gained this confidence because he understood the depths of love that the Lord has for His children. And this was the confidence he sought for the Ephesians as well. But his letters weren't just meant for the Ephesians, no this message continues to be relevant for us today. In fact, much of what Paul said to the Ephesians is being repeated to us, just through a different set of words:

Believe, comprehend the depths of My Love. Understand that all is in My control. I want the best for everyone. I know what needs to be, therefore, have complete faith and trust in Me. I will never let you down. I will never desert you. I am always by your side. If you do not feel My presence, it is not I that have caused this distance, but yourself instead.

The Lord wants you to understand the depths of His love. He wants you to have confidence in Him with no sense of distance between you two. Essentially, He wants you to understand (as noted previously) that:

- He loves you.
- He wants the best for you.
- He is in control. He has a plan.
- He's always there for you.
- He will never let you down.

Yes, the Lord wants you to grab ahold of these truths because He knows that acceptance of these truths is key to having confidence in Him. And what we must realize is that He has made the importance of this message very clear over recent months:

12/02/13 - Keep it simple, Feel My power, Why let doubt creep in, Confidence in Me is what you need.

02/04/14 - Don't worry about what I say to others; each member hears from Me. Each member carries a message. How much can one person hear? Many people hear many things. All these things are brought together to form a picture of what I AM saying to My Bride. Bits and pieces put together to form a mosaic. But each member must be willing to come before Me, yielded, like clay in the potters hand. Each member must have faith like a little child to hear Me and have confidence to write down what they hear. Ask for faith little ones, and it shall be given. On this foundation My Bride is built.

03/11/14 - Enter into My presence with confidence and great expectancy, Go for the gold, Finish it up, Rest and have peace.

03/12/14 - You are seeing the beauty and wonder of My power. Leave it all to Me. Kneel down. Magnificence, beauty, posterity and confidence I give to you.

04/14/14 - Holy, Holy Holy , the name of the Lord is Holy. Nothing can separate you from my love. I bought you with My blood. Enter my presence with confidence knowing that i love you.

04/27/14 - Go forth with much confidence. I am with you child.

04/27/14 - Enter My presence with confidence. A clueless child I desire. I provide all the answers. Come in.

05/07/14 - Surrender and relinquish all to Me. (yes Lord, how) Come closer. Stand- arise in mightiness - bold-confidence.

05/26/14 - Have confidence in the little things I can do, as well as, the big.

06/05/14 - Failure is not an option for My Beloved, We are victorious in every action, rejoice (did) That is the confidence you must always have knowing We cannot fail.

And in the bible we have been given many passages that encourage confidence in Him, for example:

**Deuteronomy 20:4** *“for the Lord your God is He who goes with you, to fight for you against your enemies, to save you.*

**Deuteronomy 31:6** *“Be strong and of good courage, do not fear nor be afraid of them; for the Lord your God, He is the one who goes with you. He will not leave you nor forsake you.”*

**Psalm 27:1-3** *The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? When the wicked came against me to eat up my flesh, my enemies and foes, they stumbled and fell. Though an army may encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war may rise against me, in this I will be confident.*

And when Paul spoke to the Corinthians, his confidence was so great that even when speaking of death, he had this to say:

**2 Corinthians 5:5-8** *Now He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who also has given us the Spirit as a guarantee. So we are always confident, knowing that while we are at home in the body, we are absent from the Lord. For we walk by faith, not by sight. We are confident, yes, well pleased rather to be absent from the body and to be present with the Lord.*

So I guess what we are saying here is that confidence is the faith and acceptance we have in and for another, more specifically, in and for the Lord. But there are of course those foolish ones who will misplace their confidence. And of these foolish people (whose confidence has been misplaced), it is said:

**Deuteronomy 11:16** *Take care lest your heart be deceived, and you turn aside and serve other gods and worship them;*

**Proverbs 14:16** *A wise man fears and departs from evil, but a fool rages and is self-confident.*

**Revelations 19:20** *And the beast was captured, and with it the false prophet who in its presence had done the signs by which he deceived those who had received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped its image. These two were thrown alive into the lake of fire that burns with sulfur.*

Yes, placing your confidence in someone other than the Lord, this is equivalent to being “unequally yoked” because in the end you are following after their ways as opposed to being led by Him. In the bible it says:

**2 Corinthians 14-18** *Do not be unequally yoked with unbelievers. For what partnership has righteousness with lawlessness? Or what fellowship has light with darkness? What accord has Christ with Belial? Or what portion does a believer share with an unbeliever? What agreement has the temple of God with idols? For we are the temple of the living God; as God said, "I will make my dwelling among them and walk among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Therefore go out from their midst, and be separate from them, says the Lord, and*

*touch no unclean thing; then I will welcome you, and I will be a father to you, and you shall be sons and daughters to me, says the Lord Almighty."*

When we decide to do this, then we are accepting the fact, that we are His sons and daughters in other words, we have decided to place our confidence in Him and no other. We are deciding to **Believe**, to **comprehend the depths of His Love**, to **Understand that all is in His control**, that **He wants the best for everyone**, that **He knows what needs to be, therefore**, we are choosing to **have complete faith and trust in Him** and no other, knowing that **He will never let us down**, that **He will never desert us**, and that **He will always be by our sides**. This is the confidence we should have in Him. But understand too that **if we do not feel His presence**, then **it is not the Lord that have caused this distance**, but **we ourselves instead**. Only you can honestly determine this within yourself.

### **Positive Affirmations**

In the last section of the lesson we learned about the depths of the Lord's love for His children. Basically, we learned about placing our confidence in Him and no other. But we also talked about misplacing our confidence. This reminded me of a couple of dreams the Lord has given.

12/21/13 – I was following a young man around as he did things. He was having us do things and we were going different places doing them. He seemed a little unsure of himself as we followed him around. There may have been a few of us following him. His lack of confidence seemed to be affecting us to the point of being concerned if what he was doing was on track or not. We went to several places then he went into a room and sells his shirt. His shirt was apparently made out of very nice expensive material. He comes out of the room after selling his shirt and tells us he had sold the shirt for (\$100) one hundred dollars. He then possibly gives me the money? When he did this I had the concern should we be following him and wasn't sure if he was now wearing a shirt after he came out of the room. I wasn't sure he realized his lack of confidence was affecting those around him.

On March 30<sup>th</sup> of this year, the Lord gave another dream concerning confidence as well. I recorded it like this:

03/30/14 - I dreamt that a hospital called me asking me to come to work for them to help them prepare for an inspection. I explained to them that I had not worked in that capacity in a hospital for like twelve years. They said that that did not matter to them,

that they still wanted me to come to work there, to help them get through this inspection. I awoke from the dream and the Lord told me: **you need to have more confidence in yourself.**

The people in these dreams lacked confidence, either in themselves or in others. And this in turn affected their walk with the Lord. This is another reason why maintaining our confidence in the Lord is so important. Yes what we learned here is that our confidence not only affects us but it can affect others as well. Therefore, our confidence should be firmly rooted in such a way as to be a light for others not a hindrance as explained below:

12/02/13 - **Light the candle of hope in many hearts. Speak of Your God Jesus and all that He has done. Journey forth in this endeavor, giving comfort to those I bring. Help them to have that same confidence that can be found in you. That is the problem with many people of today, they lack confidence, not only in Me their Lord, but they also lack confidence in themselves. They lack this because they have allowed the enemy to beat them down and they don't even realize that they have done this. Their eyes have been blinded to all the effects their own actions bring upon them. Teach them of doors, of keeping them closed to the enemy. Teach them of My Love and of My Perfect Plan and Will for each one of them. Teach them all this and in turn you will be helping them to have the confidence, the surety of Me, that they are lacking.**

Therefore, in this section we will move forward in **the surety of the Lord**, what that means to us and all that is entailed therein. The Lord delivered this to us through these words:

**Speak positive affirmations, study your bible, and when you find these positive affirmations, hold them dear, close to your heart, as they have power. Yes, My words have power, hold onto them. They will melt distances. They will help you feel My Presence even more. Do this and you will be well pleased.**

After I read these words I realized that He was in a sense providing guidance as to how to have greater confidence in Him (i.e. feel closer to Him, more in His presence). His first instruction was to **speak positive affirmations**. Well a positive affirmation would be a positive assertion, confirmation, or oath. Some of the positive affirmations that I have found in the bible would be:

**Genesis 18:14** *“Is anything too hard for the LORD?”*

**2 Chronicles 5:13** ... *“For He is good, for His mercy endures forever.”*



**Psalm 9:9-10** *The Lord also will be a refuge for the oppressed, A refuge in times of trouble. And those who know Your name will put their trust in You; For You, Lord, have not forsaken those who seek You.*

**Psalm 34:7** *The angel of the Lord encamps all around those who fear Him and delivers them.*

**Psalm 46:1-3** *God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging. "Selah".*

**Psalm 55:22** *Cast your burden on the Lord, And He shall sustain you; He shall never permit the righteous to be moved.*

**Psalm 91:11** *For He shall give His angels charge over you, to keep you in all your ways.*

**Matthew 19:26** *"With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."*

**Mark 9:23** *Jesus said to him, "If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes."*

**Mark 10:27** *"With men it is impossible, but not with God, for with God all things are possible."*

**Luke 1:37** *"For with God nothing will be impossible."*

**John 1:4** *In Him was life, and the life was the light of men.*

**John 10:10** *"I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly."*

**John 14:18** *"I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you."*

**John 14:27** *"Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you, not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid."*

**Romans 8:31** *If God is for us, who can be against us.*



**Philippians 4:13** *I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.*

**Hebrews 13:6** *So we may boldly say, “The Lord is my helper, I will not fear. What can man do to me?”*

**1 Peter 5:7** *Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.*

These positive affirmations come to us through the words of the Lord. They build our confidence in Him. What this teaches us is that words have power, just as the Lord said in today’s message: **My words have power, hold onto them. They will melt distances. They will help you feel My Presence even more.** But the bible also speaks on the power of words, for example:

**Romans 15:4** *For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope.*

**2 Timothy 3:16-17** *All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.*

So scripture is profitable to us, but I want to briefly take you back to the first dream we read above that talked about how the man’s lack of confidence affected those around him. I wanted to briefly discuss this because of a message that was received from the Lord today. It goes like this:

Before having my meeting I had just read this passage from the book of Matthew. Jesus is speaking:

**Matthew 12:33-37** *“Either make the tree good and its fruit good, or else make the tree bad and its fruit bad; for a tree is known by its fruit. Brood of vipers! How can you being evil, speak good things? For out of the abundance of the heart, the mouth speaks. A good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth good things, and an evil man out of the evil treasure brings forth evil things. But I say to you that for every idle word men may speak, they will give account of it in the day of judgment. For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned.”*

And after I read this the Lord put it in my mind that **our words are a reflection of what’s in our hearts.** I then received these words in my meeting:

What you read and felt is very true, words come from the heart. If your words are foul or mean-spirited, then this is the spirit that is inside of you. It may not be the entirety of your make-up but it is still there (present) all the same. Therefore, pay attention to your words as they are a reflection of your heart. And if you see or hear anything untoward then get rid of it. And replace it with My love remembering that you are to love your brother as yourself. Meditate on this as you move forward in your day.

Therefore, our words touch others. They can be the determining factor in another person's confidence in the Lord just as in the dream. Consequently, we must choose our words carefully as representatives of Christ, remembering that we are to be a reflection of Him. In today's message the Lord said, **Speak positive affirmations** and in the bible it cautions us to choose our words wisely as well:

**Proverbs 6:2** *You are snared by the words of your mouth; You are taken by the words of your mouth.*

**Proverbs 16:24** *Gracious words are like a honeycomb, sweetness to the soul and health to the body.*

**Proverbs 18:21** *Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and those who love it will eat its fruits.*

**Matthew 12:36** *I tell you, on the day of judgment people will give account for every careless word they speak,*

**Mark 11:23** *For assuredly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, 'Be removed and be cast into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he says will be done, he will have whatever he says.*

**Ephesians 4:29** *Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear.*

**Matthew 15:18** *But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this defiles a person.*

The point I wanted to make by including these verses in our lesson is that our words have power. They not only affect our confidence in the Lord but they can also affect the confidence of others. If we continually spew negative words, comments or ideas, then this will not be helpful or encouraging to ourselves or to others. No one's confidence

will be built in this, no **distances** will be **melted** away and ultimately in the end it will not **help** us to **feel His Presence** in any greater measure.

03/10/14 - **Confidence in Me. I work confidence in you and through you. Know that if you fail I will be there to correct and lead. No fear. Trust in Me. I AM leading all. Take the step and I will direct.**

**1 Thessalonians 5:11** *Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.*

Confidence is to be nourished, not abandoned, neglected or discarded, it is worked in and through your relationship with Him.

### **Through His Words**

In the last section of the lesson we talked about the power of words. We learned that we should speak positive affirmations as a means of building confidence not only in ourselves but in others as well. What we learned is that our words are a reflection of our confidence in the Lord and this is something that should be nourished as opposed to neglected and discarded. And the Lord continued this discussion on the power of words through this:

**Guidance, healing, knowledge, relationship, all these and more come through My words to you. That is all for now, go in peace enjoying your work.**

What I got from this statement is that nothing negative but everything positive comes from the Lord's words to us, whether they come in the form of guidance, healing, knowledge, instruction, and/or relationship. Therefore, all of His words are given to build you up, to help you grown, to give you a conquering spirit (i.e. confidence) through Him.

**May 20<sup>th</sup> God Calling** - You will conquer. The conquering spirit is never crushed. Keep a brave and trusting heart. Face all your difficulties in the spirit of Conquest. Rise to greater heights than you have known before. Remember where I am is Victory. Forces of evil, within and without you, flee at My Presence. Win *Me* and all is won. *All*.

03/08/14 - **Motivate; high esteem; My Chosen; Confidence; sure steps; cower not; Conquer, Conquer, Conquer...Let Me lead; must; come, together We thrust; thrust forth; always, always, always listen to Me; follow MY lead; recognize My Hush; succumb to it; perish not My thoughts; great happenings; close; My Bride, My Love**

be ready; embrace My work; continue on My path; veer not; you are strong and of sound minds; know that, remember that; strong and of sound minds;

05/29/14 - There is purpose in Me. Spend time with Me, one on one. Read, study, pray, learn, grow, evolve. Read in your bible today. Read and focus on My words. Meditate on the message that is being delivered there. Then apply it to your life. Take a deep breath, breathe Me in and now move forward with Me.

06/07/14 - All must stand and take account / choose wisely. decisions / actions / words / take account - choose wisely. The enemy lurks / looks for open doors. Shut them.

06/08/14 - Wisdom, prosperity, and knowledge will come from this time we spend together. Power and energy, healing and amplitude (abundance). Keep your focus on Me. Eliminate negativity. If you don't have anything nice to say, then don't say it. Be retrospective (reflective) of your actions, your words, the attitudes within yourselves. Count your blessings and then focus on Me more. In this I will be well pleased. You have no idea how important faith and attitudes will be in the future. All will need to be positive in Me. Begin perfecting this now.

06/09/14 - Love flows down My river, There is love in My words.

The Lord continues to reaffirm the power of words. What He is teaching us here is that Guidance, healing, knowledge, relationship, all these and more come through His words to us. Therefore choose wisely, Eliminate negativity and focus on Him. Confidence will be grown in this.

## Summation

Today's lesson has been about gaining confidence in the Lord. It was centered-around one truth, and that is that, there is nothing impossible for Him. But in order for this truth to be firmly rooted in you; well in order for this to happen, what we learned is that you must first increase your confidence by accepting several important facts about the Lord. These important facts were reviewed and confirmed throughout the lesson. These facts which ultimately relate to our confidence in Him were as follows:

- He loves you.
- He wants the best for you.
- He is in control. He has a plan.
- He's always there for you.
- He will never let you down.

Yes, these were the main elements that were brought forth through today's message. What we learned is that acceptance of them, this will help us gain the surety that we

have been looking for in Him. Basically, what we learned then is that recognition of these truths, this will help us to have confidence, but we all have to have eyes open for seeing and hearts open for receiving all that He gives, remembering that His words have power. Yes, they hold the power to guide, heal, instruct, and grow a deeper, more fulfilling relationship with Him. This message was delivered to us today through these words:

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To the two listeners the Lord said:

**June 16<sup>th</sup> God Calling** - Walk in My Way and trust Me. No evil can touch you. I am yours as truly as you are Mine. Rest in that truth.

Rest, that is, cease all struggle. Gain a calm, strong confidence in that certainty. Do not only rest in Me when the world's struggles prove too much and too many for you to bear or face alone. Rest in Me when you need perfect understanding, when you need the consciousness of tender, loving friendship and intercourse.

The world, my poor world, flies to Me when its difficulties are too great to be surmounted any other way, forgetting, or never realizing, that if, with the same eagerness, those hearts sought Me merely for companionship and loving intercourse, many of the difficulties would not arise.

The circumstances, the life, the character would be so altered - so purified, that those same difficulties would not exist.

Seek Me *early*, that is the way to find Me. *Early*, before I get crowded out by life's troubles, and difficulties and pleasures.

**And here are a couple of more bible verses to help in the understanding of today's message:**

**Hebrews 3:12-14** *Take care, brothers, lest there be in any of you an evil, unbelieving heart, leading you to fall away from the living God. But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called "today," that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin. For we have come to share in Christ, if indeed we hold our original confidence firm to the end.*

**Hebrews 10:19-25** *Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.*

May the Lord Bless you in this,

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