



The Redeemed Christian Church of God
Living Faith Chapel, Calgary

Digging Deep

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THEME: CONFIDENCE IN GOD

TOPIC: You Can Be Confident in God!

TEXT: Prov. 3:26; Heb. 3:14

Introduction: Confidence in God is the theme for this month. What does confidence in God mean? It means absolute dependence in God, complete reliance in God, unwavering trust in God etc. Confidence in itself is a quality or state of being certain and when we say confidence in God we mean that God is certain, unfailing, truthful, unchanging (Num. 23:19). It is important to take a closer look at the character of the one to put confidence in, hence when you examine some of the characters of God (goodness, love, true, unfailing, omnipotent, omniscience, omnipresence, alpha and omega, immutable, eternity etc.). It is better to put confidence in God than in man (Ps. 118:8). Today, we will be looking at some examples of those who had unwavering confidence in God, lessons we can learn from them in order to develop more confidence in God and the outcome of their confidence in God. May the Holy Spirit teach and give us understanding of the word in Jesus name.

A. Some Biblical Examples of those who demonstrated confidence in God and what they did

1. Abraham – (Gen. 22:10-12) believed and trusted God to provide another son even if Isaac was killed
2. Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego – Dan. 3:14-18 believed and trusted God
3. Hezekiah persisted in prayer, loyal heart, walked before God and did what was good in His sight (Isa. 36-37; 38:1-3)
4. Hannah persisted in prayer, persevered in adversity and persecution, waited patiently on God for fulfilment of promise
5. Daniel – Dan. 2:13-19; Dan. 6:1-22- spent time alone with God in prayer
6. Esther persevere in prayer and fasting, committed to a good course, didn't shy away from responsibility
7. David – trusted God whom had delivered him from the lion and bear, had tested for victory
8. Paul – Acts 20:18-24; Acts 27:; Phil. 3 - teaching and preaching the word, (Acts 28:30-31); willing to endure persecution and ready to die for the gospel of Christ

C....Lessons learned

1. God demonstrated His greatness in their lives and as He who can do all things so you can expect great things from God (Abraham, Hannah, Daniel and 3 Hebrews)
2. All these Patriarchs and Matriarch were not dominated by fear and undaunted (not discouraged, not afraid to continue) in faith that God can help them (Esther, David, Paul)
3. They were bold and courageous as they stood up and declared their unwavering confidence in God even in the face of persecution and death (Daniel and 3 Hebrews)
4. They were courageous and didn't shy away from commitment to a good course (will of God) Esther, Paul, Hezekiah)

B....Outcome of their Confidence in God

1. Provision - (Abraham, Hannah)
2. Answer to prayers - (1 John 5:14-15); Victory (Daniel and 3 Hebrews, Esther, Paul, & Hezekiah)
3. Deliverance & Victory (Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, Daniel, Esther, Paul, David)
4. Favour (Esther, Hannah)
5. Protection (Daniel, 3 Hebrews)

Conclusion: -You can develop more confidence in God through persistence in prayer, perseverance and patience, faith or believe in the words and promises of God and being committed to the will and things of God and all that you have learned from the examples above. God will always bless those who have confidence in Him. We pray for grace to place our confidence in God, to live and walk confidently in Him all the days of our lives in Jesus name. You can be confident in God!