**CHRIST COMPANION BIBLE CHURCH**

**Weekly Bible Study**

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**THE WONDERS OF CONFIDENCE IN GOD ( Part1 ) Study 4.**

**TEXT: 1SAMUEL17:22-37, ISAIAH 30: 15**

**MEMORY VERSES: PSALMS 118:8, PROVERBS 3:26**

 Confidence has to do with absolute trust, assurance and faith in an object or a cause. It motivates towards a courageous feat of exploits. It is a nature that is inherent in the Almighty God.

 Therefore, when God indwells a person, confidence becomes one of the chief attributes that is expected to be expressed passionately, according to Ephesians 3:12 (KJV):

  ***"In whom we have boldness and access with confidence by the faith of him"***.

 Looking into the Bible and the happenings in our present days, it is very evident that every child of God must build confidence to live godly and successfully in all spheres of life.

 In these studies, we shall look at the importance of confidence, how to develop it, and the right place to apply it, for fruitful outcomes without defeat.

 **IMPORTANCE OF CONFIDENCE IN GOD. PSALM 20:6-9.**

It is very glaring that humans are prone to fear, doubts and sense of inadequacies, right from the fall of man! For example, Adam and Eve felt naked, timid and fearful in meeting with God. Thus, lacking confidence made them to run into hiding when they are expected to approach God confidently and get promoted to next level!

On the other hand, as we can see in our opening text today, David was unexpectedly stirred to rescue the intimidated Israelites under the leadership of indecisive Saul! He dared and confidently confronted Goliath.

David bold display of trust in God for the feat of exploit not only brought victory to the Nation, but paved way for greater possibilities and future responsibilities. May you choose to be confident this year for uncommon breakthrough in Jesus name.

**1. *Confidence is your best weapon to win in life!***Treasures, fortune, breakthrough, success and possibilities in life will unarguably open to many forces. Note:

1. *It takes confidence in God's word to believe, repent and get saved personally or help others experience the same. Some see sin as a Goliath, never to dare! As a result, they remain slave to sin, bad habit and oppressive addictions. Confidence breaks yokes that thousands of methods will fail to break.*
2. *It takes confidence to make a difference: Majority of people in life are used to damnable norms and enslaving traditions. Act. 10:13-15.*

 When God told Peter to preach to Cornelius, a gentile lover of God, tradition said No! Even when the Holy Spirit was already working on Cornelius’ heart!

 Are you accustomed to rising and fallen lifestyle, laziness and procrastinations that breed failures? Confidence and faith in God's word that you can do all things through Christ is the sure key to an enviable transformed life with amazing difference. Philippians 4:13.

**2. *Confidence must be rightly placed in God, in line with His purpose and desires****. . Proverbs 14:26.*  Resting on your know-how, human’s wit or occult power is a sinking and undependable foundation that will always bring a regretful end.

1. *A lot of believers become unnecessarily agitated by the success and quick fixes of unregenerate individuals. This was the error of Eve, when she disdainfully wanted satisfaction outside God's cover! Genesis 3:1-6. You must realise that true success has two components: the earthly and eternal sides. Only God can guarantee both.*
2. *To have God's result, you must work in God's principle! Psalm 1:1-4. Faith, obedience, patience, diligence with trust in God will always produce result.*

***3. Confidence is affective and inspirational! Number 13:7-13.***

 *No one is willing to follow a half-hearted leader.*

 *No one is willing to hire an insecure and timid job seeker.*

 *No one is ready to buy from a salesman who is not convinced of the quality of its products.*

 Your confidence in God is a determinant of your personal courage. This goes a long way to determine your influence on others, your personal drive and performance in whatever you do. Joshua 14:12-15.

 God is not interested in breeding cowards, frivolity and mediocre. He wants you to be strong and confident all the time like David.

 Sin, Satan, poverty and other challenges of life will be under your feet when the Lord is your confidence.

Amen.

**HYMN: STANDING ON THE PROMISES (CHS 140)**

1. Standing on the promises of Christ my King,
Through eternal ages let His praises ring,
Glory in the highest, I will shout and sing,
  Standing on the promises of God.

*Standing, standing,
Standing on the promises of God my Saviour;
Standing, standing,
I’m standing on the promises of God.*

1. Standing on the promises that cannot fail,
When the howling storms of doubt and fear assail,
By the living Word of God I shall prevail,
  Standing on the promises of God.
2. Standing on the promises I now can see
Perfect, present cleansing in the blood for me;
Standing in the liberty where Christ makes free,
  Standing on the promises of God.
3. Standing on the promises of Christ the Lord,
Bound to Him eternally by love’s strong cord,
Overcoming daily with the Spirit’s sword,
Standing on the promises of God.
4. Standing on the promises I shall not fall,
List’ning every moment to the Spirit’s call.
Resting in my Savior as my All in all,
Standing on the promises of God.