**CHRIST COMPANION BIBLE CHURCH**

**Weekly Bible Study**

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**THE WONDERS OF CONFIDENCE IN GOD ( Part 2 ) Study 5. Date: 06-01-24**

**TEXT:** Proverbs 28:1, Luke 13:31-33.

**MEMORY VERSES:1 John 5:14 And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us: Hebrews 10:35 Cast not away therefore your confidence, which hath great recompense of reward.**

 God created mankind in such a way that he could learn in different ways, including: teaching, studying, training, learning by experience and so on. There is an important dimension especially for the regenerated souls, which come by revelations and impartations by the Holy Spirit! What you have or know will have a direct bearing on your confidence. As a child of God, it is therefore possible to develop your confidence in God. Looking at our Lord Jesus in our text today, He is seeing, exuding great confidence and fearlessness in response to threats from Herod. He is our example to follow.

 **GETTING AND DEVELOPING YOUR CONFIDENCE IN GOD. NEHEMIAH 6:7-16.** In our study today, we shall consider steps into becoming confident in Christ.

**1. Belong to the Kingdom of Light by New Birth. 1John1:5-10.** By default, light inspires confidence. Most societal evils are carried out under the cover of darkness! They include: Evils like stealing, marital infidelity, defrauding, occult practices, and other shameful vices. Generally, sin erodes confidence in the face of justice and ethical light. Coming to Christ means signing off from the kingdom of darkness where sin and fleshly lust dictate the rule! In Christ, you received Divine light for inward guidance and direction. Guilt, condemnation, and shame are taken away completely.

**2. Get to know God through Scriptural Understanding and Experience. Daniel 11:32.** Imagine Daniel walking confidently to the Lion's den! This was so because he had seen God working in diverse ways, like delivering the three Hebrews from furnace of fire, humbling the proud, Nebuchadnezzar etc. When you truly know the Lord, fear and unnecessary agitations by whatever is brought under your feet.

**3. Be Filled with the Holy Ghost. Act 4:29-31.** Can you imagine the fearful Peter, who denied that he ever knew Christ flagrantly, on accusation of a maid? This same Peter after Pentecost stood to withstand the authority of the highest council! Act 4:18-20. Being filled with the power of the Holy Spirit was the secret of such confidence. You can experience the same today.

**4. Anchor your Faith on God's Revelational Knowledge and Promises. 1King 18:1-18.** Elijah received word from God to appear before Ahab, who was seeking to capture him. He went with confidence to same Ahab at the word of God without hesitation! At the end, he confronted and destroyed the Prophets of Baal, calling fire from heaven to the anger of King Ahab! Confidence is the key to Elijah's victory over the forces of Baal and Ahab threats! This is still true today.

**4. Possessing Know-how, Skill and Competence in whatever God has Called you to do! Ecclesiastes 8:1.** Joseph was called into Prophetic ministry and was also a very skillful man. He was gifted in interpretation of dreams, and he mastered it so well that he could confidently stand before Kings and nobles! In whatever discipline, career or ministry you find yourself, study well, work hard and practice excellently to show yourself approved! This will help your sense of confidence. 2 Timothy 2:15.

**5. Demonstrate Righteousness and Integrity in all your Dealings. 1Kings19:19-21.** Righteousness is doing that which is right, just and acceptable before God. The scripture says: The righteous is as bold as Lion. Proverbs 28:1. Integrity is keeping a promise and living in accordance to standard ethics of God's word. With these, God is always pleased. Elisha demonstrated these virtues in his servanthood with Elijah. This enables him to serve with faithfulness and devotion to succeed where others fail. His confidence in God that called him set him apart for double portion of anointing for higher responsibility.

**6. A Life that is Full of Love for God and Others will Generate Confidence. Ruth 1:16-19.** Ruth for example, demonstrated a high degree of confidence in God, being motivated by her love for Naomi, her mother- in- law. The Apostles of Christ were seen demonstrating same love for Christ! Stephen was confident enough to declare his love for Christ, not minding the threat of death! God rewarded Ruth as she became one of the primer matriarchs of faith! God honoured her confidence by choosing her generation for eternal inheritance!

**7. Holiness of Life Generates Confidence in the Lord. Luke 1: 31-36.** Many people are not confident, when it comes to Satan, demons and wagging war against the power of darkness! In the above scripture, Christ is seen confidently dealing with demons with all authority! Demons refer to Jesus as "the Holy one of God". Holiness will embolden you to deal with all forces of darkness.

Therefore, every believer should strive for grace to live a holy life, always. It pays off to exercise confidence in the Lord. Receive grace to exercise your confidence in Christ. Amen.

**HYMN: FAITH IS THE VICTORY (CHS:139)**

Encamped Along The Hills Of Light,
Ye Christian Soldiers, Rise.
And Press The Battle Ere The Night
Shall Veil The Glowing Skies.
Against The Foe In Vales Below
Let All Our Strength Be Hurled.
Faith Is The Victory, We Know,
That Overcomes The World.

**Faith Is The Victory!**

**Faith Is The Victory!
O Glorious Victory,**

**That Overcomes The World.**

His Banner Over Us Is Love,
Our Sword The Word Of God.
We Tread The Road The Saints Above
With Shouts Of Triumph Trod.
By Faith, They Like A Whirlwind’s Breath,
Swept On Over Every Field.
The Faith By Which They Conquered Death
Is Still Our Shining Shield.

On Every Hand The Foe We Find
Drawn Up In Dread Array.
Let Tents Of Ease Be Left Behind,
And Onward To The Fray.
Salvation’s Helmet On Each Head,
With Truth All Girt About,
The Earth Shall Tremble ‘Neath Our Tread,
And Echo With Our Shout.

To Him That Overcomes The Foe,
White Raiment Shall Be Given.
Before The Angels He Shall Know
His Name Confessed In Heaven.
Then Onward From The Hill Of Light,
Our Hearts With Love Aflame,
We’ll Vanquish All The Hosts Of Night,
In Jesus’ Conquering Name.