

Confidence

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Mark 6:45- 52

Have you ever been in the middle of something only to make a statement of have a thought, 'what in heaven am I doing here?'

How in the heck can this change?

How did I get to this point?

Is there ever a way out or forward?

The disciples were in the middle of the sea (verse 47). They did not have Jesus with them. He was somewhere else on land. They were in a position that seemed endless and they did not have the power to quicken the pace.

Many times in life we are in situations that seem like a never ending place of sameness . It feels like Jesus is not with us. We are in the middle of life or a season, thinking will this ever end.

Then to cap it all off it seems like everything is against you . The disciples had a wind blowing against them. They were straining. Putting everything they had in and seemingly getting nowhere.

Yet Jesus was watching them. He could see them straining and let it be.

Three things stand out

1. The important thing is that Jesus had put them in that boat.
2. He had put them out to sea without him.
3. He had told them to go to the other side where he would meet them.

Often God puts us in situations that we think, what the? Jesus put them in the boat without Him.

The overriding fact is that Jesus told them to go to the other side and that he would meet them. The WORD OF THE LORD is powerful. When God has told you something you don't need to make it happen because it will happen. You still need to put your hand to the oar, and walk the path. But God will bring it to pass.

This is a confidence we can all have.

Confidence – A firm belief or trust; a feeling sure or certain, assurance, faith; something that gives a feeling of security; a thing told as a secret.

Confidence is something that can propel us forward, lift us higher, take us further, open doors, reveal new things, stimulate new ideas in a variety of situations.

God wants us to maintain our confidence in Him and His ability to come through no matter what. How's your confidence?

Say this after me:

It is going to happen! He who begun a good work here at C3 Marion will complete it. This body is strong and healthy. The gates of hell will not prevail against this church. The gates of hell will not prevail against my life.

In Phil 3:12 Paul says to Press on. He says he hasn't as yet taken hold of it. This is Paul speaking, the writer on most of the books of the New Testament. He'd written scriptures, planted churches, spoken to thousands. God's vision for your life is always greater than the reality we face.

Church, THIS YEAR IS A THE YEAR OF ENLARGEMENT. We need to press through. God is for us.

Our confidence could be rocked for a number of reasons.

Delay in answer.

This is the number one thing that will rob us of confidence. When we get impatient we gain the ability to sabotage our lives and our lives dreams. God said He was going to do it, He will.

Patience has no time attached to it. God calls us to wait patiently for Him. This is not a timed exercise. God doesn't say wait for a season. He says to wait. Waiting on God is not controlled by time. Waiting on God is a stance we take on the inside. It's a place of rest knowing that He who begun a good work will complete it.

God hasn't postponed your miracle. God isn't delaying your breakthrough because He exists outside of time. He sees all of your life at once. Thus when he promises something it will happen because he sees all of our lives at one time.

There is no delay in God.

Confidence – a thing told in secret.

A real truth exists in this definition. In the secret place we find confidence. In God's presence we find the confidence to stand, to walk, to try something

new, to let go of something, to trust in God. Trust in God doesn't have a date attached to it.

David had a secret place. It was a place where he could find God and know that confidence could be restored.

If I have lost confidence in someone or something the only way its going to come back is

- a. to hang with people who have confidence in that someone or something**
- b. to hang with that person.**

The same goes for God. God will complete the work He started in you.

When was the last time you came to the house of God and just took your eyes off yourself, the person next to you, in front of you, around you and just worshipped God?

Confidence can be lost we only have eyes for ourselves.

A lot of people loose their confidence because they get so worried about what others think of them. God thinks you are an awesome person. Any thought in opposition to that is from the pit of Hell.

SO if you get a thought that says that God doesn't love you because of such and such, reject it. God is the author of love and life. You are accepted.

Life's events can drain our confidence.

We can loose our confidence because of the things of life. God wants you confident. He made you to be a mighty warrior. He made you to be princess of renown. Life wants to suck out the marrow of our worlds so that the price that God paid through the blood is not seen. God is confident that He will finish the job in you.

Stopping worrying about the future and be thankful for the now.

Being confident – it's a state of mind, a state of existence.

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