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Confidence in Christ
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Believers are entitled to Confidence

1 John 5:13-15 Amplified Bible (AMP)

13 These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God [which represents all that Jesus Christ is and does], so that you will know [with settled and absolute knowledge] that you [already] have eternal life. 14 **This is the [remarkable degree of] confidence which we [as believers are entitled to] have before Him:** that if we ask anything according to His will, [that is, consistent with His plan and purpose] He hears us. 15 And if we know [for a fact, as indeed we do] that He hears and listens to us in whatever we ask, we [also] know [with settled and absolute knowledge] that we have [granted to us] the requests which we have asked from Him.

- **Footnotes: 1 John 5:14 Confident, abiding faith combined with God's power can produce amazing results, if the request is in harmony with God's will. God is fully capable of doing that which man regards as impossible (Mark 14:36; James 4:3).**

Confidence derives from righteousness not your righteousness.

James 4:3 Amplified Bible (AMP)

You ask [God for something] and do not receive it, because you ask with wrong motives [out of selfishness or with an unrighteous agenda], so that [when you get what you want] you may spend it on your [hedonistic] desires.

- **Prayer - Father in Jesus Name I call out to You; to help me yield my entire life for Your Kingdom, Your will, Your way. I give my body, soul and spirit to the advancement of the Kingdom of Glory. I thank You for Love, patience and power to fulfill my petitions that are aligned with your Word.**

Confidence is an assurance as we walk by faith according to God's instructions

Hebrews 11:1 Living Bible (TLB)

What is faith? **It is the confident assurance that something we want is going to happen.** It is the certainty that what we hope for is waiting for us, even though we cannot see it up ahead.

- **Confidence comes naturally with success; but, success comes only to those who are confident!**
- **A person cannot be comfortable without their own approval; in addition a person cannot truly be confident without God's approval.**
- **The enemy uses time to trick us into thinking there is no progress thus we lose confidence in the process.**
- **Satan capitalizes on you losing confidence through the process by inflicting pain mental and/or physical**

Thomas believed in Jesus

John 11:1-16 New International Version (NIV)

1 Now a man named Lazarus was sick. He was from Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. 2 (This Mary, whose brother Lazarus now lay sick, was the same one who poured perfume on the Lord and wiped his feet with her hair.) 3 So the sisters sent word to Jesus, "Lord, the one you love is sick." 4 When he heard this, Jesus said, "This sickness will not end in death. No, it is for God's glory so that God's Son may be glorified through it." 5 Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. 6 So when he heard that Lazarus was sick, he stayed where he was two more days, 7 and then he said to his disciples, "Let us go back to Judea." 8 "But Rabbi," they said, "a short while ago the Jews there tried to stone you, and yet you are going back?" 9 Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Anyone who walks in the daytime will not stumble, for they see by this world's light. 10 It is when a person walks at night that they stumble, for they have no light." 11 After he had said this, he went on to tell them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep; but I am going there to wake him up." 12 His disciples replied, "Lord, if he sleeps, he will get better." 13 Jesus had been speaking of his death, but his disciples thought he meant natural sleep. 14 So then he told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead, 15 and for your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." 16 **Then Thomas (also known as Didymus) said to the rest of the disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."**

Sometimes confidence can be lost by saying something over and over but not seeing what you say

Luke 9:22-24 Easy-to-Read Version (ERV)

22 Then Jesus said, "The Son of Man must suffer many things. He will be rejected by the older Jewish leaders, the leading priests, and teachers of the law. And he will be killed. But after three days he will be raised from death." 23 Jesus continued to say to all of them, **"Any of you who want to be my follower must stop thinking about yourself and what you want. You must be willing to carry the cross that is given to you every day for following me. 24 Any of you who try to save the life you have will lose it. But you who give up your life for me will save it.**

You can believe yet lack confidence

John 20:24-29 New Living Translation (NLT)

24 One of the twelve disciples, Thomas (nicknamed the Twin), was not with the others when Jesus came. 25 They told him, "We have seen the Lord!" But he replied, "**I won't believe it unless** I see the nail wounds in his hands, put my fingers into them, and place my hand into the wound in his side." 26 Eight days later the disciples were together again, and this time Thomas was with them. The doors were locked; but suddenly, as before, Jesus was standing among them. "Peace be with you," he said. 27 Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and look at my hands. Put your hand into the wound in my side. Don't be faithless any longer. Believe!" 28 "My Lord and my God!" Thomas exclaimed. 29 Then Jesus told him, "**You believe because you have seen me. Blessed are those who believe without seeing me.**"

We lose confidence because we don't understand the bigger picture

Mark 14:36 Amplified Bible (AMP)

He was saying, "Abba, Father! All things are possible for You; take this cup [of judgment] away from Me; but not what I will, but what You will."

Confidence can come from experience

Matthew 8:5-13 New International Version (NIV)

5 When Jesus had entered Capernaum, a centurion came to him, asking for help. 6 "Lord," he said, "my servant lies at home paralyzed, suffering terribly." 7 Jesus said to him, "Shall I come and heal him?" 8 The centurion replied, "Lord, I do not deserve to have you come under my roof. But **just say the word, and my servant will be healed. 9 For I myself am a man under authority, with soldiers under me. I tell this one, 'Go,' and he goes; and that one, 'Come,' and he comes. I say to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it.**" 10 When Jesus heard this, he was amazed and said to those following him, "Truly I tell you, I have not found anyone in Israel with such great faith. 11 I say to you that many will come from the east and the west, and will take their places at the feast with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven. 12 But the subjects of the kingdom will be thrown outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." 13 Then Jesus said to the centurion, "Go! Let it be done just as you believed it would." And his servant was healed at that moment.

Confidence in Christ my only option

Luke 8:43-48 Amplified Bible (AMP)

43 And a woman who had [suffered from] a hemorrhage for twelve years [and had spent all her money on physicians], and could not be healed by anyone, 44 came up behind Him and touched the fringe of His outer robe, and immediately her bleeding stopped. 45 Jesus said, "Who touched Me?" While they all were denying it, Peter [and those who were with him] said, "Master, the people are crowding and pushing against You!" 46 But Jesus said, "Someone did touch Me, because I was aware that power [to heal] had gone out of Me." 47 When the woman saw that she had not escaped notice, she came up trembling and fell down before Him. She declared in the presence of all the people the reason why she had touched Him, and how she had been immediately healed. 48 **He**

said to her, “Daughter, your faith [your personal trust and confidence in Me] has made you well. Go in peace (untroubled, undisturbed well-being).”