



Boldness Begins with Humble Trust in God

Bold Living in Turbulent Times - Part 1

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Big Idea: The more you humbly trust in God, the more confident you become because your strength for the stress of every day is not in yourself but in Christ.

Text: 2 Corinthians 3:1-18

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I. OUR CONFIDENCE COMES FROM TRUSTING IN CHRIST, _____, FOR DAILY STRENGTH.

Are we beginning to commend ourselves again? Or do we need, like some people, letters of recommendation to you or from you? You yourselves are our letter, written on our hearts, known and read by everybody. You show that you are a letter from Christ, the result of our ministry, written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts. – 2 Corinthians 3:1-3

Such confidence as this is ours through Christ before God. Not that we are competent in ourselves to claim anything for ourselves, but our competence comes from God.

– 2 Corinthians 3:4-5

The LORD is my light and my salvation—whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life—of whom shall I be afraid? When evil men advance against me to devour my flesh, when my enemies and my foes attack me, they will stumble and fall. Though an army besiege me, my heart will not fear; though war break out against me, even then will I be confident.

– Psalm 27:1-3

At my first defense, no one came to my support, but everyone deserted me. May it not be held against them. But the Lord stood at my side and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. And I was delivered from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and will bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen. – 2 Timothy 4:16-18

II. OUR CONFIDENCE COMES FROM RELYING ON GRACE, _____, FOR ETERNAL SALVATION.

He has made us competent as ministers of a new covenant—not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life. – 2 Corinthians 3:6

Now if the ministry that brought death, which was engraved in letters on stone, came with glory, so that the Israelites could not look steadily at the face of Moses because of its glory, fading though it was, will not the ministry of the Spirit be even more glorious? If the ministry that condemns men is glorious, how much more glorious is the ministry that brings righteousness! - 2 Corinthians 3:7-9

For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, **so that no one can boast.** – Ephesians 2:8-9

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III. OUR CONFIDENCE COMES FROM CONCENTRATING ON CHARACTER, _____, FOR PERSONAL FULFILLMENT.

We are not like Moses, who would put a veil over his face to keep the Israelites from gazing at it while the radiance was fading away. – 2 Corinthians 3:13

But their minds were made dull, for to this day the same veil remains when the old covenant is read. It has not been removed, because only in Christ is it taken away. Even to this day when Moses is read, a veil covers their hearts. – 2 Corinthians 3:14-15

But whenever anyone turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. – 2 Corinthians 3:16-17

And we, who with unveiled faces all reflect the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his likeness with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit. – 2 Corinthians 3:18

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