

Confidence means learning to see yourself the way God sees you.



DAY 1

Read John 3:16

This month is all about confidence. When you think about that word, what comes to mind? Write your own definition in the space below:

Maybe you think of confidence as being sure of something or of a belief in yourself. But confidence isn't about how YOU feel about yourself. We're defining confidence as learning to see yourself the way GOD sees you.

How do you think God sees you? What do you think God thinks about when He thinks about you?

We'll let you in on a little secret. God thinks you are amazing. After all, He made you. He's so crazy about you that He did something no one else would do. He sent His only Son, Jesus, so He could have a relationship with you, forever.

Ask an adult for a dry erase marker. On your bathroom mirror, write out John 3:16 all around the sides so that you can still see your own reflection. As you look in the mirror each morning, read the verse and remember just how much you are LOVED. **You can have confidence because God loves you.**

DAY 2

Read John 3:17

God sent Jesus to fix a big problem. You see, God made us to be in relationship with Him. But instead of trusting that God's way is the best way, people sinned. People chose to disobey God and do their own thing. By sending Jesus to die on the cross and take the punishment for our sin, God made a way for us to be forgiven. He sent Jesus because He loves us. God made a way for us to be in a relationship with Him, forever.

Grab your dry erase marker from yesterday and write out this verse somewhere on your mirror. You can even cover where your face goes if you've run out of space.

As you look in mirror, remember that God loves you so much that He sent Jesus, not to make you feel bad when you mess up, but to save you when you do. **That's how much God LOVES you.**

DAY 3

Read Romans 6:23

When you have a job, you earn a wage or paycheck. Your boss or company pays you what you are owed for the work you've done. Because our sin—the things we do in disobedience to God—we should earn to be separated from God.

But there is GOOD news. When we believe in Jesus and turn from our sin (meaning, we choose to go God's way instead of our own), we will NOT be separated from God!

Grab a piece of paper and write out the words of today's verse in big block letters. Draw a box around the words "wages" and "gift." Then draw an arrow from "wages" to the word "death" and "gift" to the words "eternal life." Draw a big X over the word "death." Circle the word "but" three times for emphasis. Finally, highlight or draw sunshine lines around eternal life to emphasize the huge GIFT God has given you through Jesus. **Remember, you can have confidence because God loves you.**

Show your verse to an adult. Point out all your boxes and arrows and other markings you've made. Then explain this verse in your own words.

You can be confident
because God loves you.

DAY 4

Read Romans 10:9-10

Read the following questions and then answer them according to what's written below.

- ➔ Do you like pizza? (Say "yes" and nod your head "yes.")
- ➔ Do you like homework? (Say "no" and nod your head "no.")
- ➔ Do you like to go to the pool? (Say "yes" but nod your head "no.")

Which example felt the weirdest? The last one! Today's verse reminds us that when it comes to trusting Jesus, our heart and our voice have to agree. In other words, it's not just enough to SAY we believe in Jesus and what He's done for us. **We need to believe it in our hearts.**

How do you feel about today's verse? Does your heart and your voice agree?

Have you made a choice to trust Jesus, to believe in your heart that He died and rose again, so you could be forgiven? Have you told anyone about this decision?

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DAY 1

Read Psalm 33:11

Do you have a calendar on the wall in your house or on the computer? Last year, right before the pandemic hit, calendars were full of activities! And then, as things started shutting down, pretty much everything on our calendars had to be erased or rescheduled. All those plans went right out the window! We have a little less confidence in the plans we make after 2020.

Thankfully, God doesn't have to write His plans in pencil. His plans stand firm, always. Nothing can stop God. We can trust God because He is in control. And even when things around us seem completely messy, God is the same yesterday, today and forever! He is always loving, always available, always GOOD and always completely trustworthy. **We can have confidence because God's plan is the best plan.**

Write out the words of today's verse on a sticky note and place it next to your family calendar. At your next family meal, read this verse and thank God for the reminder that you can trust that His plan is the best plan.

DAY 2

Read Proverbs 3:5-6

If there was a "greatest hits" list of verses from the Bible, this verse would probably make the top ten. Let's break this verse down into four parts.

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart." To trust simply means to put your faith or confidence in. When we put our confidence in God, we admit that His way is WAY better than ours.

"Do not depend on your own understanding" We will never know all that God knows. That's why trusting only in what we know or our own understanding isn't the best way to go.

"In all your ways obey him" Because God knows and sees all, and because His plans are the BEST plans, we should let God lead us.

"Then he will make your paths smooth and straight." When we obey him, we'll always be headed in the right direction.

Write out the words of the verse on index cards and arrange them in a windy path. Set a timer and see how long it takes you to walk along the path as you repeat the verse. Then line up the cards in a straight path. Time yourself a second time as you walk along and repeat the verse. Which was faster and easier?

DAY 3

Read Psalm 32:8

When you read the last part of today's verse, what do you think about? Did you know that God has His eye on you? It's true! God sees you. Not in a "he knows if you've been bad or good so be good for goodness sake" kind of way. God sees you. He knows you. He looks on you with love.

God keeps watch over us so He can instruct and teach us. Following God will always lead us in the right direction, not just because He knows all, but because He loves us. We can have confidence in God, knowing that His plans are the best plans.

God's plan is the best plan.

DAY 4

Read Proverbs 16:9

March around city seven times + Blow trumpet = Conquer city

That might seem like the least likely way to conquer a well defended city. But that's what God told Joshua to do! Joshua chose to trust God's plan of marching, counting, and trumpeting. On the seventh day, after they'd marched around the city seven times, the priests blew their trumpets, the people shouted and the walls came TUMBLING down! God's plan was bigger and better than any plan Joshua might have come up with on his own!

Today's verse reminds us that while planning and thinking ahead is perfectly fine, our trust and our confidence has to be in the Lord. We need to ask Him to show us where to go. **We might make a plan but God is the one who holds the future.**

So what are you thinking about lately? Are you making a plan for the summer? Are you trying to decide whether to play baseball or soccer? Ask God to help show you what to do. Spend some time today sharing your plan with God and ask Him to help you "establish your steps" and show you where to go.

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DAY 1

Read Ephesians 2:10

How often do you find yourself using the word “but?” Sounds like a funny question, right? Here are a few examples . . .

- I would play BUT I’m not fast enough.
- I would try BUT I’m not smart enough.
- I would ask BUT no one listens to me anyway.

Sometimes, we decide something before we even give it a try. We disqualify ourselves (we say, “nope, not me”) before we even start. But we forget a BIG truth found right at the beginning of Ephesians 2:10. We are God’s handiwork. That means we were made by God! He made us to do good, to make a difference. And what’s even cooler than that? **He already knows what those good things are!**

Grab a piece of paper and trace around your hand. Decorate your handprint and write today’s verse any way you’d like on the page. Thank God for making you special and ask Him to give you the confidence to believe that He can use you no matter what!

DAY 2

Read Matthew 5:14-16

Grab a flashlight, your Bible and your GodTime card and head to your closet. Turn on your flashlight and turn OFF the light. Shine that flashlight on your Bible and read Matthew 5:14-16 aloud.

What if you turned off the flashlight? Could you read it in the dark? Nope! If you’re in a dark room and you have access to a light, you turn it on!

Guess what? You are a light to the world around you. That means that YOU can make a difference. You might be the first person to show real kindness to someone having a bad day. You might be the one to include a kid that’s left out or encourage someone when they’re feeling sad.

When we shine bright, we should point others to God! God wants to use you to make a difference. **He wants you to show others how much HE loves them.**

Every time you flip on a light this week, ask yourself: Am I shining a light and pointing others to God? Or am I hiding my light?

DAY 3

Read 1 John 4:12

Have you ever thrown a pebble into the water? When that small pebble enters the calm flat surface of the water, it gives the water some energy. The water moves around (forming that ripple or circle on the surface) to spread out that energy so it can go back to it's original still flat surface. It's a little bit like when you form a human wave around a stadium as you lift your hands at just the right time.

Love works like that pebble or rock. Small things you do every day to show love to others can make a big difference. When you choose to show love to others, you show others who God is! **We can have confidence that God will use us when we simply choose to love.**

Grab a rock and head outside to find a puddle or ask to borrow a plastic bin and fill it with water yourself. Drop the rock into the water and watch the ripples move out to the edges of the surface. Ask God to help you act that like rock, choosing to love others in small ways in order to make a big difference this week.

**God can use you
no matter what.**

DAY 4

Read Judges 6:14-15

When God spoke to Gideon, Gideon immediately started to point all the reasons why he was the wrong person for the job. He had zero confidence in himself. Still, God persisted, reminding Gideon of something important that he'd forgotten along the way.

God can use ANYONE! His power is unlimited which means nothing is too hard for him. **God can use you to make a difference today, right where you are.**

Here's a little obedience challenge. For the next five days, challenge yourself to pray the prayer below in your own words. Then, pay attention so you don't miss an opportunity to make a difference in your world. It doesn't have to be as big as leading an army. But to the person you help, it might be just as important.

Heavenly Father, thank You for loving me. Show me how I can make a difference for You today. Give me the confidence to follow through like Gideon, knowing that You are with me. In Jesus' name, amen.

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DAY 1

Read Psalm 27:13

Have you ever faced a tough situation that you couldn't see ever getting better? Maybe there's a mean group of girls at school that have started leaving you out at recess. Maybe you're having trouble with reading while everyone else thinks it's easy. When we face tough stuff, sometimes we lose our confidence.

That's when it so important for us to remember that nothing is impossible for God. He raised Jesus back to life! Jesus died on the cross. It was the darkest day in history. But three days later, Jesus came BACK to life! God did the impossible! **No matter what the situation, God is bigger.**

Read this verse to an adult. Tell them about something tough you're facing. Talk about how you can focus on God's goodness with confidence that He can do the impossible, even in this situation.

DAY 2

Read Matthew 19:26

Try these impossible tricks:

- ➔ Lick your elbow
- ➔ Rotate your foot clockwise as you draw the number "6" on a piece of paper
- ➔ Touch your tongue to your nose
- ➔ Write your name with both hands

How many of these tasks were impossible for you?

While licking your elbow or touching your tongue to your nose does seem pretty silly, sometimes we face really impossible things. Like being kind to a bully. Or standing up for the kid others pick on. Or asking for forgiveness when we know we were wrong.

Thankfully, God can give us the confidence we need to do all of those "impossible" things. **And the best part is, none of those things that seem impossible for us are impossible for God!**

As you pray today, thank God for the confidence you have in knowing that nothing is impossible for Him.

DAY 3

Read Jeremiah 32:17

Complete the Sudoku boards below with the missing numbers. You cannot repeat any number in the same column or row.

Numbers 1-3

1		
3		2

Numbers 1-4

3			2
		4	
4	1		

Numbers 1-5

	3		5	
			1	4
		1		
1	2			
5			3	2

How hard was it for you to complete those puzzles? Having a few numbers on the board helped for sure!

It's much easier to face hard things when we have help! And the best news is, the One who can help us can conquer anything. The same God who made the heavens and the earth by His own power is with you. **He will help you when you put your confidence and trust in Him.**

God can do the impossible.

DAY 4

Read Job 42:2

Job lost everything. He lost his family, his home, and all his wealth. After much suffering in an impossible situation, Job prayed these words saying, "no purpose or plan of yours can be stopped!" Job recognized that GOD was the one in control. He chose to put all his confidence in God.

God will help you do all the things He's called you to do. When you have trouble being patient or kind or humble or honest, God is with you. **His plans for you are good and can trust Him always.**

Fill in the blanks using the key below. Thank God for the opportunity to put your trust or confidence in Him, knowing that He can do ALL things.

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Answers: I know that you can do all things.