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Have Confidence March 2, 2021 Suzi Armstrong

God is saying remove all self imposed and man imposed restrictions, limitations, and artificial boundaries because they limit your confidence. The Lord is saying to let your confidence SOAR! Our God is the God of the impossible. NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE WITH GOD! The door is open to step into a new level of confidence that indeed our God is ABLE. Exodus 15 says, "Your right hand, O Lord, is majestic in power, Your right hand, O Lord shatters the enemy." Confidence is being fully persuaded and trusting that God is able and reliable. Hebrews 10 instructs us to not throw away our confidence in the Lord – that confidence will be richly rewarded.

Confidence is linked to expectation and expectation brings in the power of heaven. David expected to kill Goliath because his confidence was in the Lord. David saw Goliath fall before he ever threw the stone. Confidence has an expected end. Confidence sees victory in every challenge and in every shift. Confidence makes the impossible visible. In the natural, confidence is linked to emotions, but in Christ confidence is substance – it is a realm of the supernatural that gives us strategic advantage in warfare. Do not diminish the significance of what confidence in God does. Confidence draws on the prophetic realm to bring those things that are not into being. This dynamic clobbers the enemy and rips his strongholds to pieces. Consider where you place your confidence. Colossians 2.6 says to be rooted in Christ. Christ is rooted in confidence in God the Father and Holy Spirit.

Hebrews 3.6b-8 NASB

⁶ **...hold fast our confidence and the boast of our hope** firm until the end.

⁷ Therefore, just as the Holy Spirit says,

"TODAY IF YOU HEAR HIS VOICE,

⁸ **DO NOT HARDEN YOUR HEARTS** AS WHEN THEY PROVOKED ME,

AS IN THE DAY OF TRIAL IN THE WILDERNESS,

- Hold fast our confidence means to be fully persuaded that God is able and will do what He says.
- The root word that confidence comes from means free to move.
- When we trust in the Lord we are free to move – nothing of the world is holding us back – no lie of satan is holding us back, intimidation has no voice to hold us back. All limitations are broken.
- We can step into FULLNESS of CONFIDENCE.
- Full wholehearted confidence is where fear is broken in our lives on an experiential level. Fear no longer deters us or paralyzes us. No chains holding us down. Limitations broken!

Proverbs 3.5-7 NASB

⁵ **Trust in the LORD with all your heart**

And do not lean on your own understanding.

⁶ **In all your ways** acknowledge Him,

And **He will make** your paths straight.

⁷ Do not be wise in your own eyes;

Fear the LORD and turn away from evil.

- Trust means confident expectation that God is able. His arm is not too short. God is FOR US.
- Do not lean on your own understanding to do and live. Natural insight and reasoning is filled with limitations. We are supernaturally connected to the resources of heaven and the power of God through Jesus Christ.

- Do not live as mere men relying on the world, confined by your natural knowledge, culture and experiences – these are restrictions and limitations that do not belong to us when we are in Christ.
- When you step into FULL TRUST you open yourself for the gifts of the Spirit to flow continuously in your life. This is how Jesus walked. The gifts of the Spirit flowed through Him continuously. Word of knowledge, discerning of spirits, wisdom, healing, miracles, faith, etc.
- Don't try to figure it all out – trust God. Wait upon the Lord when needed. Walk in the fear of the Lord. He is sovereign and we ARE a chosen people who belong to Him. We are sons and daughters of the most High God!

1 Corinthians 15.58 TPT

⁵⁸ So now, beloved ones, **stand firm and secure. Live your lives with an unshakable confidence.** We know that we prosper and excel in every season by serving the Lord, because we are assured that our union with the Lord makes our labor productive with fruit that endures.

Psalm 65.5-6 TPT

⁵ **You answer our prayers with amazing wonders and with awe-inspiring displays of power.**

You are the righteous God who helps us like a father.

Everyone everywhere looks to you, for you are the confidence of all the earth, even to the farthest islands of the sea.

⁶ What jaw-dropping, astounding power is yours!

You are the mountain maker who sets them all in place.

We pray this prayer with expectation and confidence that our God will answer with amazing wonders and awe inspiring displays of power. For His splendor is like the sunrise and rays flash from His hand where His power is hidden. Lay bare the foundations at the blast of breath from Your nostrils O God! The enemy speaks with arrogance. He is like a lion hungry for prey and he is devouring our nation with perversion and unrighteous laws. The cords of death are choking our nation and torrents of destruction are overwhelming the people. **But our confidence is in You, Almighty God and Your unfailing love!** You are limitless. All power and authority belong to You. Lord, shoot Your arrows and scatter the enemy. Rescue us from the powerful enemy. You Lord are the strength and hope of our nation.

Let the fear of the Lord fall upon the United States of America. Release mercy as Your church humbles itself and confesses our sin. The eyes of the Lord are on those who fear Him, on those whose hope is in His unfailing love, to deliver us from the clutches of death. The plans of the Lord stand firm forever, the purposes of His heart through all generations. Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord. We decree that this nation is one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all. We declare that the United States is shifting into greater awakening. We overcome by the blood of the Lamb and the word of our testimony. We declare a new sound and a new testimony of Jesus is arising in our hearts and in our land! It is the sound of deliverance, it is the sound of hope, it is the sound of the gospel of Jesus Christ, it is the sound of righteousness and justice.

Lord, we put our confidence and trust in You!