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Building Confidence July 21, 2020 Suzi Armstrong

God always has a beginning and an ending in mind. As we step into the beginning of this new era, God has already determined the end. Philippians 1.6 says, **being confident of this that He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion or the end.** God builds and empowers us through Jesus Christ to overcome all challenges so that we succeed. This is a time that God is building layers of confidence into our heart and mindsets. New levels of confidence are needed for a new time.

In the night I woke up and when I looked at the clock it was 2:22. Then I woke up a second time and it was 4:44. When this happens I know God is speaking to me through the numbers. 2 is the number of divide, separate, judge or discern. 4 is the number of the earth, unsaved man, rule, reign, and kingdom. We are in a place of discerning and judging – dividing and separating out by the Spirit of God what will rule our hearts and our thought patterns in this new era. Chuck Pierce wrote, “Satan would like nothing more than to keep you in old thought patterns, stale mindsets and worn-out mentalities. To move forward in complete victory, we must transform our minds to think the way God thinks. We must adopt His thoughts for today rather than our own.” The Spirit of God is highlighting where we put our confidence. Confidence builds mindsets. Confidence is defined as to be free from fear or doubt. There is a spirit of fear moving in the earth today that terrorizes and shuts the mind down. Do not compromise your confidence in the Lord.

The Lord is saying, “Open your heart and I will impart confidence in you. Be rooted in confidence. Know who you believe and put your trust in. Confidence leads you – discern and judge where you are putting your confidence. Separate out and leave behind what is not of Me.”

2 Kings 18.5-7, 19-22; 2 Kings 19.14-19, 35-36 NIV

⁵ **Hezekiah trusted in the LORD**, the God of Israel. There was no one like him among all the kings of Judah, either before him or after him. ⁶ **He held fast to the LORD and did not stop following him;** he kept the commands the LORD had given Moses. ⁷ **And the LORD was with him; he was successful in whatever he undertook.**

¹⁹ **The field commander said to them, “Tell Hezekiah:**

“This is what the great king, the king of Assyria, says: On what are you basing this confidence of yours?” ²⁰ You say you have the counsel and the might for war—but you speak only empty words. On whom are you depending, that you rebel against me? ²¹ Look, I know you are depending on Egypt, that splintered reed of a staff, which pierces the hand of anyone who leans on it! Such is Pharaoh king of Egypt to all who depend on him. ²² But if you say to me, “We are depending on the LORD our God”—isn’t he the one whose high places and altars Hezekiah removed, saying to Judah and Jerusalem, “You must worship before this altar in Jerusalem”?

¹⁴ **Hezekiah received the letter from the messengers and read it. Then he went up to the temple of the LORD and spread it out before the LORD.** ¹⁵ **And Hezekiah prayed to the LORD: “LORD, the God of Israel, enthroned between the cherubim, you alone are God over all the kingdoms of the earth. You have made heaven and earth.** ¹⁶ **Give ear, LORD, and hear; open your eyes, LORD, and see; listen to the words Sennacherib has sent to ridicule the living God.**

¹⁷ “It is true, LORD, that the Assyrian kings have laid waste these nations and their lands. ¹⁸ They have thrown their gods into the fire and destroyed them, for they were not gods but only wood and stone, fashioned by human hands. ¹⁹ **Now, LORD our God, deliver us from his hand, so that all the kingdoms of the earth may know that you alone, LORD, are God.”**

³⁵ **That night the angel of the LORD went out and put to death a hundred and eighty-five thousand in the Assyrian camp.** When the people got up the next morning—there were all the dead bodies! ³⁶ So **Sennacherib king of Assyria broke camp and withdrew. He returned to Nineveh and stayed there.**

- King Hezekiah put his total confidence in the Lord, even when he was surrounded by an army that had conquered many.
- Hezekiah did not allow fear and intimidation to lose his confidence in the Lord.
- Walking in confidence kept Hezekiah in his right mind – always trusting in the Lord. Hezekiah did not allow the enemy to get hold of his mind.
- Unbelief is the enemy of confidence. Fear releases unbelief.

2 Peter 1.3-4 NIV

³ His divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness. ⁴ Through these **he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature,** having escaped the corruption in the world caused by evil desires.

- Confidence and trust in the Lord connects us to the flow of His divine nature.

Unwavering confidence is available to us right now – receive an upgrade in confidence. Confidence that will strengthen you as you enter this new era. Confidence that indeed God is in control. Confidence that He has established a beginning and an end. Confidence that He will accomplish His purposes. Confidence that positions us in full stature in Christ. Confidence to declare and decree His word over our city and nation. Confidence to stand in the gap. Confidence to share the good news of the Gospel. Confidence to lift Jesus up so that He might draw all men unto Himself!

“CONFIDENCE”

- C** Call to be immovable
- O** Overcoming obstacles
- N** New levels of trusting God
- F** Faithful endurance
- I** Intense focus on Jesus
- D** Deliverance from any fear
- E** Evidence in your speech
- N** No backing down
- C** Confidence in Christ alone
- E** Elevation to heaven’s frequency

By Christina Wilson

We declare that Detroit is immovable. Detroit is rooted firmly in the promises of God. Every obstacle that comes to this city will be overcome by the power of Jesus name and His blood. Detroit has put her trust in the Lord and will faithfully endure to the promised finish. Detroit has set its face like flint and will not turn to the left or to the right. These are days of deliverance in the city. Deliverance from fear. Deliverance from shame. Deliverance from every curse. The Lord God is One over the city. Freedom resounds in this land.

Detroit will enter the new era with confidence in the Lord God Almighty possessor of the heavens and the earth!