

Title: Knowing Confidence

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DEFINITION: CONFIDENCE

Noun:

The feeling or belief that one can rely on someone or something;

The state of feeling certain about the truth of something



1 Samuel 17:34-37

34 “Your servant has been keeping his father’s sheep. When a lion or a bear came and carried off a sheep from the flock, **35** I went after it, struck it and rescued the sheep from its mouth. When it turned on me, I seized it by its hair, struck it and killed it. **36** Your servant has killed both the lion and the bear; this uncircumcised Philistine will be like one of them, because he has defied the armies of the living God. **37** The Lord who delivered me from the paw of the lion and the paw of the bear will deliver me from the hand of this Philistine.”

1 Samuel 17:45-47

45 “You come against me with sword and spear and javelin, but I come against you in the name of the Lord Almighty, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. **46** This day the Lord will hand you over to me, and I’ll strike you down and cut off your head. Today I will give the carcasses of the Philistine army to the birds of the air and the beasts of the earth, and the whole world will know that there is a God in Israel. **47** All those gathered here will know that it is not by sword or spear that the Lord saves; for the battle is the Lord’s, and he will give all of you into our hands.”

Bottom-line:

Without confidence we will not overcome!

Revelation 21:7

He who overcomes will inherit all this, and I will be his God and he will be my son. But *the cowardly*, the unbelieving, the vile, the murderers, the sexual immoral, those who practice magic arts, the idolaters, and all liars – their place will be in the fiery lake of burning sulphur.

3 Sources of confidence

1. satan
2. God
3. Our own ability

David’s confidence

1. “The battle belongs to the Lord” (**1Samuel 17:47**)
2. He conquered previously in his life.

“All you need for success is ignorance and confidence” – Mark Twain

“All you need for success is knowing and confidence” – saved Mark Twain

Ephesians 3:12

In him and through faith in him we may approach God with freedom and confidence.

Hebrews 4:12 (ESV)

Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

Stimulating confidence

- Knowing
- Celebrating

Psalm 27:1-3; 13,14

1 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?

2 When evil men advance against me
to devour my flesh,
when my enemies and my foes attack me,
they will stumble and fall.

3 Though an army besiege me,
my heart will not fear;
though war break out against me,
even then will I be confident.

13 I am still confident of this:
I will see the goodness of the Lord
in the land of the living.

14 Wait for the Lord;
be strong and take heart
and wait for the Lord.