Title: Knowing Confidence

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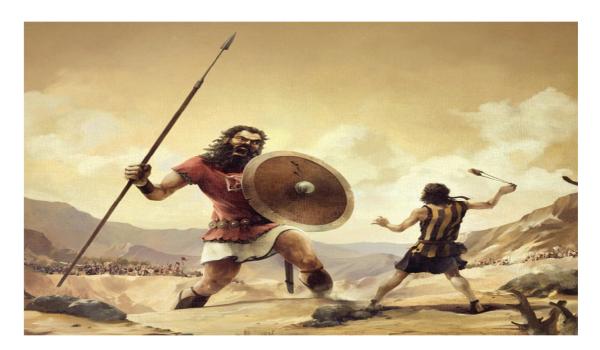
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DEFINITION: CONFIDENCE

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.