

Title: I am confident
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Hebrews 10:35 AMP

³⁵ Do not, therefore, fling away your fearless confidence, for it carries a great and glorious compensation of reward.

a:1 Definitions

TRUST: Strong reliance on character of another
FAITH: Strong reliance on the commitment and ability of another
CONFIDENCE: Solid conviction re your own standing and success

a:2 Need for

Proverbs 3:25-26 NIV

²⁵ Have no fear of sudden disaster or of the ruin that overtakes the wicked, ²⁶ **for the LORD will be your confidence** and will keep your foot from being snared.

- (i) Risk, challenge, danger, conflict, confrontation
- (ii) Inspires – hope, endurance, trust, loyalty, love, courage, innovation

b: A false confidence

Based on PRIDE – self-perception and peer-perception i.r.o. uniqueness; status; history; ideology; projection, etc.

Philippians 3:3-5, 7-8

³ For we are the circumcision, who worship God in the Spirit, rejoice in Christ Jesus, and **have no confidence in the flesh**, ⁴ though I also might have confidence in the flesh. If anyone else thinks he may have confidence in the flesh, I more so: ⁵ circumcised the eighth day, of the stock of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of the Hebrews; concerning the law, a Pharisee;
⁷ But what things were gain to me, these I have counted loss for Christ.

c: True confidence

Based on CALLING

Grace – sovereign choice and separation

Hebrews 3:1 NIV

¹ Therefore, holy brothers, **who share in the heavenly calling**, fix your thoughts on Jesus...

Galatians 1:15

¹⁵ But when it pleased **God**, who separated me from my mother's womb and **called me through His grace**,

Power

II Timothy 1:12

¹² ...because I know whom I have believed, and am convinced that He is able to guard what I have entrusted to Him for that day.

Jude 24-25

²⁴ Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, And to present you faultless Before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy, ²⁵ To God our Savior, Who alone is wise, Be glory and majesty, Dominion and power, Both now and forever. Amen.

Romans 11:29 NASB

²⁴ for the **gifts and the calling** of God **are irrevocable**

Purpose

Philippians 1:6

⁶ **being confident** of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ;

II Timothy 1:9

⁹ who has saved us and **called us with a holy calling**, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace which was given to us in Christ Jesus before time began

- Belonging
- Serving

Acts 27:22-24

²² And now I urge you to take heart, for there will be no loss of life among you, but only of the ship. ²³ For there stood by me this night an angel of the **God to whom I belong and whom I serve**, ²⁴ saying, 'Do not be afraid, Paul; you must be brought before Caesar; and indeed God has granted you all those who sail with you.'

Revelation

John 6:11-14,35 (the 7 I AM's)

¹¹ And Jesus took the loaves, and when He had given thanks He distributed them to the disciples, and the disciples to those sitting down; and likewise of the fish, as much as they wanted. ¹² So when they were filled, He said to His disciples, "Gather up the fragments that remain, so that nothing is lost." ¹³ Therefore they gathered them up, and filled twelve baskets with the fragments of the five barley loaves which were left over by those who had eaten. ¹⁴ Then those men, when they had seen the sign that Jesus did, said, "This is truly the Prophet who is to come into the world."

³⁵ And Jesus said to them, "**I am the bread of life...**

- **Brings into the 'rest'**

Matthew 11:28 NIV

²⁸ Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.

John 5:17, 19-20

¹⁷ But Jesus answered them, "My Father has been working until now, and I have been working."

¹⁹ Then Jesus answered and said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, but what He sees the Father do; for whatever He does, the Son also does in like manner. ²⁰ For the Father loves the Son, and shows Him all things that He Himself does; and He will show Him greater works than these, that you may marvel.

- **Brings into Divine order**

Matthew 8:8-10

⁸ The centurion answered and said, "Lord, I am not worthy that You should come under my roof. But only speak a word, and my servant will be healed. ⁹ For I also am a man under authority, having soldiers under me. And I say to this one, 'Go,' and he goes; and to another, 'Come,' and he comes; and to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it." ¹⁰ When Jesus heard it, He marveled, and said to those who followed, "Assuredly, I say to you, I have not found such great faith, not even in Israel!

John 4:34

³⁴ Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the **will of Him who sent Me**, and to finish His work.

John 6:38

³⁸ For I have come down from heaven, **not to do My own will**, but the will of Him who sent Me.

- **Victory over condemnation**

Revelation 12:11

¹¹ And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb...

I John 2:28

²⁸ And now, little children, abide in Him, that when He appears, we **may have confidence** and not be ashamed before Him at His coming.

Hebrews 10:19-23 NIV

¹⁹ Therefore, brothers, **since we have confidence** to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰ by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body, ²¹ and since we have a great priest over the house of God, ²² let us draw near to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts **sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience** ...

- **Spirit of prophecy**

Revelation 19:10b

¹⁰ Worship God! For the testimony of Jesus is the **spirit of prophecy**.

I Samuel 17:46-48

⁴⁶ This day the LORD will deliver you into my hand, and I will strike you and take your head from you. And this day I will give the carcasses of the camp of the Philistines to the birds of the air and the wild beasts of the earth, that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel. ⁴⁷ Then all this assembly shall know that the LORD does not save with sword and spear; for the battle is the LORD's, and He will give you into our hands." ⁴⁸ So it was, when the Philistine arose and came and drew near to meet David, that **David hurried and ran toward** the army to meet **the Philistine**.

d: **Embrace your strength**

- **In quietness and confidence is your strength**

Isaiah 30:15 NLT

¹⁵ This is what the Sovereign LORD, the Holy One of Israel, says: "Only in returning to Me and resting in Me will you be saved. **In quietness and confidence is your strength...**

- **Wrestle, by God's power with the uncertainties**

II Peter 1:10 NIV

¹⁰ Therefore, my brothers, be all the more eager to **make your calling** and election **sure**. For if you do these things, you will never fall,

- **Pursue the glory of your calling**

Ephesians 4:1 NIV

¹ As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to **live** a life **worthy of the calling** you have received.