INSIDE OUT

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FROM THE INSIDE OUT

For this reason I kneel before the Father, ¹⁵ from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name. ¹⁶ I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, ¹⁷ so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, ¹⁸ may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, ¹⁹ and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God. ²⁰ Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, ²¹ to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen. – Ephesians 3:14-21

Insecurity – uncertainty about oneself; lack of <u>CONFIDENCE</u>.

INSECURITY ISSUES

_ Unwise <u>COMPARISONS</u> .
Unfair CRITICISM.
Unmet EXPECTATIONS.
Unhealthy need for APPROVAL

My heart is confident in you, O God; my heart is confident. No wonder I can sing your praises! - Psalm 57:7

✓ Instead of self-confidence, cultivate **GOD-CONFIDENCE**.

THREE TRUTHS TO CULTIVATE GOD-CONFIDENCE

1) MY GOD IS ALWAYS FOR ME.

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- Ephesians 3:14-15

If God is for us, who can ever be against us? - Romans 8:31

So do not throw away this confident trust in the Lord. Remember the great reward it brings you! - Hebrews 10:35

2) MY GOD ALWAYS HELPS ME.

I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, ¹⁷ so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. – Ephesians 3:16-17

"Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you." ⁶ So we say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid."

- Hebrews 13:5-6

3) MY GOD IS STILL WORKING IN ME.

...being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.
- Philippians 1:6

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, ²¹ to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen. – Ephesians 3:20-21