

Where is Your Confidence?

Philippians 1:6-8

And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to feel this way about you all, because I hold you in my heart, for you are all partakers with me of grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I yearn for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus.

Paul's Confidence is in The Lord and His Word (Proverbs 3:26, Luke 1:4):

1. Completion, Salvation and More (vs 6, 1 Thessalonians 5:24)
2. Commitment, His, Theirs, and Ours (vs 7, Acts 2:42-47)
 - a. Chains/Confinement or
 - b. Confirmation and Defense
3. Care/Compassion of Christ (vs 8, 4:19)
4. Communion – Partakers of Grace (vs 7, 1 Corinthians 11:26)

Questions for Small Group Discussion:

1. Define Confidence. Other than God, where are you tempted to place your confidence?
2. Why was Paul so confident about certain things and yet, so accepting of other circumstances?
3. What things are you most committed to in your life? Are they things, or relationships?
4. Have you ever witnessed or benefited personally from an act of compassion? Was it impactful, if so, Why?
5. Why is God so interested in our relationships (vertically and horizontally)?