# "A Concluding Confidence Boost"

1st John 5:14-21 Study Guide

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### **Background and Theme**

**Author:** The Apostle John **Date Written:** 90-92 AD

Audience: The global church close to the turn of the first century who was

growing, persecuted, and learning to live for Jesus.

Theme of 1st John: Walking in the Light

#### I. Confident Prayer Life

- **Key Word:** "Confidence" - "parrēsia" (Greek)

- **Meaning:** Boldness, assurance, cheerful courage

## II. Compassionate Intercession

#### **III. Concise Truth**

Verses Referenced: Hebrews 4:16, Galatians 6:1

#### **Questions for Reflection and Discussion:**

- 1. John wants to build the confidence of the reader to approach the Lord in prayer. Do you find that you are bold in your approaching God in prayer, or are you apprehensive in your prayer life? Explain/Discuss why for either answer.
- 2. What other passages of scripture can you think of that teach us to have confidence in prayer?
- 3. John charges the readers to intercede for those they know are living contrary to how God wants them. How have you seen intercession in your own life, or the lives of others work in someone's life?
- 4. With finishing the book of 1st John, reflect back on the truths we have studied, and discuss with others what stuck out to you the most in the text?

This week, re-read 1st John 5:14-21 and pray through the truths you find while reading. Find someone to discuss these chapters with, and share the word with someone you don't know as well.

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