

## Week 3: Confidence- Psalm 25:3

### 25 Days of Going Deeper – Week 3: Confidence (Psalm 25:3)

May 12, 2025: Monday – Confidence in God's Promises

#### Scripture:

**2 Corinthians 1:20 (NLT)** – *“For all of God’s promises have been fulfilled in Christ with a resounding ‘Yes!’ And through Christ, our ‘Amen’ (which means ‘Yes’) ascends to God for His glory.”* **Psalm 125:1 (NLT)** – *“Those who trust in the Lord are as secure as Mount Zion; they will not be defeated but will endure forever.”*

#### Reflection:

God’s promises are not wishful thinking but are the rock-solid truths on which we stand. They are fulfilled in Jesus with a resounding “Yes!” and this declaration gives us the confidence to face whatever comes in life. In God we are secure knowing His plan for us will not be thwarted, and we will not be defeated as we cling to His promises. In scripture we are called to stand firm against the prince of this world, not in our own strength, but by the powerful right hand of our Everlasting Father. As Isaiah 41:10 states, *“Don’t be afraid, for I am with you. Don’t be discouraged, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you. I will hold you up with my victorious right hand.”* We don’t place our hope in horses, chariots, or worldly security, but in the unchanging Word of the Lord (Psalm 20:7). This kind of confidence flows from a belief that says *If God said it, we can believe it and if we believe it, we can move forward in confidence, because He never fails.* His promises are alive, enduring, and eternal and apply to those who are His Followers. Picture a small child taking their first few steps, glancing back at their father for reassurance. That look reminds them that they are not alone- their father is there, ready to catch them if they fall. In the same way, when we face uncertainty or difficulty in our daily lives, we glance toward our Heavenly Father and are reminded: *“But you, O Lord, are a shield around me; you are my glory, the one who holds my head high”* (Psalm 3:3). God lifts us up in every circumstance, not to bolster our own pride, but to give us unshakable reliance and confidence in our Everlasting Father.

**Challenge & Next Steps:** Today, we are reminded by Psalm 125:1: *“Those who trust in the Lord are as secure as Mount Zion; they will not be defeated but will endure forever.”* We can live in this confidence because the Lord always carries through on His promises. As Numbers 23:19 (NLT) declares, *“God is not a man, so he does not lie... Has he ever promised and not carried it through?”*

**Prayer:** Father, thank You for being a promise-keeping God. My confidence is in You alone and I will walk confidently in Your promises today. In Jesus’ name, Amen. **Worship**

**Song: Promises – Maverick City Music**

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May 13, 2025: Tuesday – Confidence in the Hands of the Potter

#### Scripture:

**Ephesians 2:10 (NLT)** – *“For we are God’s masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.”* **Jeremiah 18:4**

**(NLT)** – *“But the jar he was making did not turn out as he had hoped, so he crushed it into a lump of clay again and started over.”*

#### Reflection:

When we receive Jesus as our Lord and Savior, He make us new people and He give us His Holy Spirit! We are called His sons and daughters because the King of kings has adopted us into His family. We are no longer orphans in this world; rather, we are members of God’s household, deeply loved and eternally cared for. Scripture also tells us we are *God’s masterpiece*, not because we are flawless, but for the reason that we are being continually shaped by Him. Like clay in the potter’s hands, our lives are being formed into something beautiful. Jeremiah’s vision reminds us that even when the clay is marred, God does not discard it. *“The jar he was making did not turn out as he had hoped, so he crushed it... and started over.”* Our Heavenly Father, the Master Artist, begins again, lovingly molding us with His Spirit, preparing us for the good things He planned for us long ago. The world tells us to chase after success, set self-driven goals, and make our mark. Many of us have walked that path, throwing ourselves into self-made dreams or careers, only to realize that worldly rewards fade. In those moments, our hearts may be drawn heavenward, back to the One who set eternity in our hearts, the Potter who knows our true design and purpose. When Jesus is at the center, and we surrender to His Lordship, the Spirit is free to shape and fill us. No longer resisting, we are molded and strengthened, sometimes through adversity, sometimes in quiet growth. Even in the valleys, the Potter’s hand never leaves the clay. As James wrote, *“When troubles of any kind come your way, consider it an opportunity for great joy”* (James 1:2, NLT) because God is shaping us into something useful for eternal purposes. So today, take confidence in the hands of the Potter. He’s not finished with you yet and what He shapes will be both beautiful and impactful for His glory.

**Challenge & Next Steps:** Pause today and thank God for His hand on your life. Reflect on areas where He may be reshaping you. Say aloud: *“I am clay in the hands of the Potter. I am His masterpiece.”*

**Prayer:** Father, thank You for shaping me with care and love. I trust Your hands. Mold me into the person You’ve designed me to be. My confidence is in You. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

**Worship Song: Who You Say I Am – Hillsong Worship**

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**Romans 8:31 (NLT)** – *“If God is for us, who can ever be against us?”*

**2 Chronicles 20:15 (NLT)** – *“This is what the Lord says: Do not be afraid! Don’t be discouraged by this mighty army, for the battle is not yours, but God’s.”*

##### Reflection:

There are times in life when we face opposition. People may misunderstand, criticize, or even try to tear us down. Sometimes it’s subtle; experiencing a cold shoulder, receiving an unkind word, or being uninvited or excluded from a social gathering. Other times, opposition may be more overt, reflected in harsh interactions in the workplace, estrangement in family relationships, or even discord within the church.

Periods of opposition in relationships can leave us feeling pressed on every side, bewildered and weary. For believers, Scripture reminds us that our struggles are not merely physical or emotional—they may also be spiritual in nature: *“For we are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world...”* (Ephesians 6:12, NLT). In particular, the enemy thrives on creating division and discouragement within the church and families, hoping to silence believers from sharing the good news of Christ and distracting the Body from working together as a missional community of faith. But in these instances of opposition and struggle, there is good news: we are not alone in the fight. *“If God is for us, who can ever be against us?”* (Romans 8:31, NLT). In this truth, we can have confidence—not because the fight disappears, but because God has promised to fight for us. As 2 Chronicles 20:15 declares: *“The battle is not yours, but God’s.”* Ultimately, He is our refuge, our strength, our defender, and our victory.

**Challenge & Next Steps:** Perhaps today you are experiencing fierce opposition or feel surrounded by the enemy in the midst of a battle. Remember that Jesus, as declared in Isaiah 9:6, is called *Mighty God*. He is our Warrior King and will fight for us and our loved ones. The battle belongs to Him. Today, imagine laying down your battle plans and strategies at the feet of Jesus, and asking Him to take the lead. Declare aloud: *“The battle is not mine, but God’s. I have confidence in You.”*

**Prayer:** Mighty God, when I feel surrounded or discouraged, remind me that I am actually surrounded by You and You fight for me and for those I love. I take refuge in You and find confidence in Your power and presence. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

**Worship Song: The Battle Belongs – Phil Wickham**

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May 15, 2025: Thursday – Confidence to Approach God Boldly

#### Scripture:

**Hebrews 4:16 (NLT)** – *“So let us come boldly to the throne of our gracious God. There we will receive his mercy, and we will find grace to help us when we need it most.”*

#### Reflection:

Navigating complex public systems whether immigration, education, or healthcare can be overwhelming. Many newcomers in our community face challenges understanding procedures, knowing the right person to approach, and finding trustworthy guidance. With no one to advocate for us, the journey to accessing the right service can feel almost impossible and discouraging. At times, we might perceive our relationship with God in a similar way. Does our Creator truly understand our daily struggles? Among so many people and voices, does He hear our individual cries?

In the temple during Jesus' time, access to God's presence was hierarchical. The innermost area, the Holy of Holies, symbolized God's dwelling and was accessible only to the high priest once a year. Surrounding it were various courts: the Court of Priests, the Court of Israel (for Jewish men), the Court of Women, and the outermost Court of the Gentiles, where non-Jews could worship but from a distance. This structure visually represented barriers between humanity and God. However, Jesus' sacrifice on the cross transformed this dynamic. At the moment of His death, *“the curtain in the sanctuary of the Temple was torn in two, from top to bottom”* (Matthew 27:51, NLT). This miraculous event signified the removal of all barriers, granting all believers direct access to God's presence. No longer do we need intermediaries or complex systems to approach God. Hebrews 4:16 encourages us: *“So let us come boldly to the throne of our gracious God.”* This boldness is a statement of confident trust in the open invitation extended to us through Christ. When we draw near to God, we are assured of receiving mercy and finding grace in our times of need.

**Challenge & Next Steps:** Sometimes feelings of unworthiness can discourage us from approaching God. We might think our concerns are too trivial or that we've strayed too far from God. But Scripture reassures us: *“The Lord is close to all who call on Him, yes, to all who call on him in truth”* (Psalm 145:18, NLT). Approach Him with confidence, knowing He delights in your presence and is ready to extend mercy and grace.

**Prayer:** Gracious Father, thank You for tearing down the barriers that separated me from You. Through Jesus, I can come boldly into Your presence. Today I will seek You, trusting Your mercy and grace to sustain me. In Jesus' name, Amen.

**Worship Song: Boldly I Approach (The Art of Celebration) – Rend Collective**

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May 16, 2025: Friday – Confidence in the Future God is Preparing

#### Scripture:

**Philippians 1:6 (NLT)** – *"And I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns."*

#### Reflection:

The future often appears uncertain, with changes unfolding daily on local, national, and international levels. As grandparents, our thoughts frequently turn to our adult children and grandchildren. We ponder their futures: What will the world be like in the coming years? Will they have all they need? Will we be there to support and encourage them? In today's Scripture, the Apostle Paul begins with an amazing statement of confidence: *"And I am certain that God..."* When we invite our Lord into our present thoughts about tomorrow, everything changes. The One who granted us new life and continues to shape us, like a potter molding clay into a vessel for His kingdom, is still in control. The work He began in us, our children, and our grandchildren is ongoing, and we can trust His plan for our futures—and theirs.

Colossians 3:1–4 (NLT) reminds us: *"Since you have been raised to new life with Christ, set your sights on the realities of heaven, where Christ sits in the place of honor at God's right hand. Think about the things of heaven, not the things of earth. For you died to this life, and your real life is hidden with Christ in God. And when Christ, who is your life, is revealed to the whole world, you will share in all his glory."* With confidence in God's commitment to complete the work He started in us, we can set our sights on heavenly realities focusing on the things of heaven, not of earth. True living is found in a life hidden with Christ, where Jesus reigns, and we grow to be more like Him, becoming a light to the world. In essence, He is our life! As we place our confidence for the future in Jesus, our hope in this world becomes evident to those around us. Ultimately, we look forward to sharing in His glory because Christ is coming back.

**Challenge & Next Steps:** Think about someone for whom you care deeply, whose future concerns you. Share with them the good news that God has a plan for them, and He desires to shape them with love and purpose, drawing out their gifts and forming them as a valued part of His kingdom. In the midst of any discouraging circumstance, let them know that their life story is not over, because our loving Lord is still writing it.

**Prayer:** Heavenly Father, thank You for the assurance that the work You began in us will be completed. May my confidence in You be a testimony to my loved ones, guiding them to place their trust in You as well. In Jesus' name, Amen.

**Worship Song: "God's Not Done With You" by Tauren Wells**