Where Is Your Confidence?

Greg Kline · Isaiah 36:1–14

INTRODUCTION

- While it's great to have that asset, to have those allies, our confidence must be in God, in God alone.
- Say to Hezekiah, thus says the great, the king of Assyria, on what do you rest this trust, or in several of your translations, confidence of yours?
- The question isn't, will God save us? The question is, do we believe that God will save us?

1 The Devil Wants You to Think You Are Alone

1 Kings 19:10; 1 Kings 19:14–16

- The devil wants you to think you are alone.
- And I, even I only am left. And they seek my life to take it away.
- He doesn't need to make Elijah sin to take him out of God's service.
- God says, you're not alone. You have me. Put your trust, your confidence in me.

2 Satan Wants Us to Think We Don't Deserve God's Help

Romans 5:6–10

- Satan also wants us to think that we don't deserve God's help.
- Verse 6, while we were still weak. At the right time, Christ died for the ungodly.
- But God shows his love towards us and that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.
- We never will be in a position where we deserve God's help.
- I don't deserve God's help, but he offers it anyway. Don't let Satan sideline you with that lie.

3 Others Will Fail You

John 21:20–22

- If it is my will that he remain until I come, what is that to you? You follow me.
- Our confidence has to be with God. It can't be through somebody. It can't be because of somebody.
- Whether their life is wonderful or it's the worst, you follow me.

4 Give Everything Over to God

Isaiah 37:1–7; 1 Peter 5:6–8

- As soon as King Hezekiah heard it, he tore his clothes and covered himself with sackcloth and went into the house of the Lord.
- Hezekiah immediately humbled himself, sought God, and prayed to God.
- Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God, so that at the proper time he may exalt you, casting all your anxieties on him. Because he cares for you.
- Giving everything over to God means I accept God's terms no matter what they are.

5 Trust That His Victory Is Certain

Isaiah 37:21; Isaiah 37:36

- Thus says the Lord the God of Israel, because you have prayed to me concerning Sennacherib, king of Assyria.
- The angel of the Lord went out and struck down 185,000 in the camp of the Assyrians.
- God didn't just do the heavy lifting, he did the lifting.
- When God says it and we do it, his victory is 100.0% certain.

6 We Have to Look Up, Not Down

Colossians 3:1; Matthew 14

- We'll find out where our confidence is when the storm comes.
- Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth.
- He took his eyes off Jesus. He saw the winds, he saw the waves, and he sank. We need to keep our eyes on Jesus.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **Or maybe you've been a Christian and you haven't trusted in God fully. The winds and the rain came and it beat down your house. Recognize God is faithful, he is just.**

MY NOTES