

CONFIDENCE

Part 3: Your Confidence Can Grow

CONFIDENCE: A BELIEF OR TRUST IN SOMETHING OR SOMEONE

- The filter that tints how we see challenges
 1. Expands our ability to act, manage and navigate the difficulties we face
- Confidence by degrees
 1. In yourself
 2. In other people
- Confidence in God **(2 Thessalonians 1:3 NIV)**
 1. Not a function of IQ or a personality trait
 2. A function of spiritual growth where you have the greatest impact

A DISCIPLE'S GROWING CONFIDENCE

- Peter started his walk with the Lord with low confidence **(Luke 5:4-5 NIV)**
 1. This was Jesus speaking to Peter - a low risk command
- Peter's confidence in the Lord grew **(Matthew 14:24-31 NIV)**
 1. At this point he had spent time with Jesus
 2. This word was bigger than launch out, this was step out
- Peter's confidence took a hit
 1. His confidence was impacted by his focus - looking at wind and waves
 2. Jesus bailed him out - did not let Peter go down to teach him a lesson

YOUR CONFIDENCE IN GOD CAN GROW

- Choose involvement in a spiritual growth environment
 1. Peter was with and around Jesus
 2. We can make the same choice **(Ephesians 4:14-15 NIV)**
- Choose to believe God's word
 1. Not everyone who followed Jesus made this choice
 2. Believe His word is true, powerful and life changing **(John 17:17 NKJ)**
 3. Make reading His word a life goal
- Intentional thinking can stop you from sinking
 1. Peter's focus shifted to the things that caused fear
 2. You can choose where you put your mental focus **(Philippians 4:8-9 NIV)**