



UNSHAKEABLE CONFIDENCE
Part Six: “Even in My Need, I Have All I Need”

Read Philippians 4:10-20

We can have _____
even in need through faith in Jesus Christ.

THREE SECRETS TO REMEMBER IN TIMES OF NEED

1. We can be _____ in times of need (v. 10)

Rejoice (chairo) = “to be calmly well off.”

When you understand your

_____ **you have Unshakeable Confidence.**

“For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich.” 2 CORINTHIANS 8:9 NIV

*“Though the fig tree may not blossom, nor fruit be on the vines;
Though the labor of the olive may fail, and the fields yield no food;
Though the flock may be cut off from the fold, and there be no herd in
the stalls—Yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will joy in the God of my
salvation...” HABAKKUK 3:17–18 NKJV*

2. We can be _____ in times of need (v.11, 18)

Only _____ can satisfy your soul.

"Anyone who drinks the water I give will never thirst—not ever. The water I give will be an artesian spring within, gushing fountains of endless life." JOHN 4:14 MSG

"The Lord is my shepherd. I LACK NOTHING. He causes me to lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside quiet waters. HE RESTORES MY SOUL...[He sets] a table for me in the presence of my foes."

PSALM 23:1-3, 5 EHV

**Both poverty and contentment are
rooted in the _____.**

"And my God will liberally supply (fill to the full) your every need according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus." PHILIPPIANS 4:19
APMC

3. We can _____ in times of need (v.14)

Only what you _____ is multiplied.

"Reach out to those who are oppressed. SHARE their burdens..."
GALATIANS 6:2-3 MSG

_____ is also rooted in the SOUL.

HEAVENLY FATHER, *I am asking for Your help to place my total and complete confidence in You. I thank You that You will supply ALL my needs. It's easy to lose sight of these things but establish these truths in me. Lord Jesus, I choose to follow you into a life that is settled, satisfied, a quick to share. In Christ's name, AMEN*

UNSHAKEABLE CONFIDENCE Part Five:

"I'm Here to Get My Confidence Back!"

Life Group Discussion Questions

This past Sunday we learned that we can have confidence on the inside. In this discussion, we'll look at how finding safety in God and cultivating contentment can help strengthen our inner confidence. *Read **Philippians 4:1-13** and **Psalms 91** to prepare for your Life Group.*

MY STORY - What does it mean to you to be “confident on the inside”? Can you think of a time in your life when you discovered an inner strength within you that you didn't know you had?

DIGGING DEEPER

Finding Safety in God - In the sermon we learned that the Psalmist was confident on the inside because he knew he was safe in God. Let's take another look at Psalm 91 to see what we can learn about confidence for ourselves.

Psalm 91:1-2, 14-16 NCV: *Those who go to God Most High for safety will be protected by the Almighty. I will say to the Lord, “You are my place of safety and protection. You are my God and I trust you.”...The Lord says, “Whoever loves me, I will save. I will protect those who know me. They will call to me, and I will answer them. I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue them and honor them. I will give them a long, full life, and they will see how I can save.”*

- What actions did the psalmist take that led to his sense of safety?
- Which of the promises listed here is most meaningful to you?

Cultivating Contentment - Read **Philippians 4:1-13**

Cultivating contentment can also help us grow in inner confidence. Even though Paul had challenges in his life, he was able to declare with confidence, *“I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation.”* Let's look at some of the instructions Paul gave the Philippians leading up to his declaration of contentment.

1. Settle Differences (Philippians 4:2-3). One way to build contentment is to settle differences or disagreements quickly. These verses talk about two people who were struggling to get along. Paul asks these two directly to settle their differences, and, in verse 3, he asks the members of the community to help them.

- In your opinion, how might disagreement steal your contentment?
- How can you offer help when two people are in conflict in your community?

2. Turn Worry into Prayer (Philippians 4:6-7). Another thing that tries to steal our contentment is worry, but Paul offers us a solution—to turn our worries into prayer, specifically emphasizing that we should pray “with thanksgiving.”

- How does choosing to be thankful help with worry?
- Have you ever experienced the “peace of God, which surpasses all understanding” (verse 7)? How was it related to prayer?

3. Direct Your Thoughts (Philippians 4:8). The National Science Foundation says that the average person thinks between 12,000-60,000 thoughts per day, of which 80% are negative. In this verse, Paul challenges us to be intentional and positive with our thoughts.

- In your experience, how do your thoughts affect your contentment?
- How can you put Paul’s instructions into practice?

PRAYER

1. **Pray for Each Other** - Spend time praying one for another, asking God to help you grow in contentment and confidence.
2. **Prayer of Three** - Pray for three individuals you know who don’t know Christ. Pray that as they “call to [God, he] will answer them,” save them, and give them assurance of salvation (Psalm 91:15).

MOVING FORWARD

1. Meditate on **Psalm 91** throughout your week. Ask the Lord to reveal how He is protecting you, and rest in His provision.
2. Read **Philippians 4:8** again. Make a list of specific blessings in your life that you can think about and be thankful for.
3. Read **John 15:1-11** and **Romans 8:28-39**. Meditate on the benefits of being connected with Christ.