

**KEY SCRIPTURE:**

... Forget about self-confidence; it's useless. Cultivate God-confidence. 1 Corinthians 10:12 MSG

*My heart is confident in you, O God; my heart is confident. No wonder I can sing your praises!* Psalm 57:7 NLT

... *If God is for us, who can ever be against us?* Romans 8:31 NLT

*For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons,[a] neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, 39 neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.* Romans 8:38-39

*So do not throw away this confident trust in the Lord. Remember the great reward it brings you!* Hebrews 10:35 NLT

... *"Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you." So we say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid."* ... Hebrews 13:5-6 NIV

*God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.* Psalm 46:1 NIV

... *being confident of this, that he [God] who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.* Philippians 1:6 NIV

**THREE REMINDERS TO HELP CULTIVATE GOD-CONFIDENCE**

1. My God is Always For Me.
2. My God Always Helps Me.
3. My God is Still Working in Me.

“We don’t need more self-confidence; we need to cultivate God-Confidence.”

**Start talking. Find a conversation starter for your group.**

- What’s something about you or your life that you have some healthy confidence about?
- What’s something you’re not confident about?

**Start thinking. Ask questions to get your group thinking.**

- People pleasers, fishers, and one-uppers all manifest their insecurities in different ways. Which type do you identify with most?
- Have your insecurities ever kept you from obeying God or following your dreams? What happened?
- How would your life look different if you shifted your focus from self-confidence to God-confidence?

**Start sharing. Choose questions that create openness.**

- Three truths help build our God-confidence: believing God is always for us, God always helps us, and God is still working in us. Do you have difficulty believing any of those truths? Talk about it.
- What are some ways you can become more confident in God and the work He’s doing in your life this week?

**Start praying. Be bold and pray specifically.**

*Father, thank You for all the ways in which You strengthen us and prepare us for the future. Help us to remember that no matter what work You set in front of us or what struggles come our way, we can rely on Your power to continue forward each day. In Jesus’ name, amen.*

**Start doing. Commit to a step and begin living it this week.**

- What is one practical step you can take to cultivate God-confidence in your life?
- Put these reminders on sticky notes in your home this week. A mirror, fridge, or desk. Remind yourself of these truths - especially when things get tough.

