

HOW WE CAN BECOME CONFIDENT IN OUR FAITH



BEGINNING A JOURNEY THAT FEELS DAUNTING BUT IS DEEPLY REWARDING

- AM I REALLY SECURE IN CHRIST? – NOTHING WILL SEPARATE US FROM THE LOVE OF GOD
- CAN I TRUST GOD WITH MY FUTURE? – IN ALL THINGS GOD WORKS FOR THE GOOD OF THOSE WHO LOVE HIM
- IS THE GOSPEL ENOUGH FOR THE PRESSURES I FACE.- THE GOSPEL IS POWER, NOT ADVICE
- HOW DO I STAND FIRM WHEN CULTURE PUSHES BACK. – BE TRANSFORMED NOT CONFORMED

HOW WE BECOME CONFIDENT IN OUR FAITH

KNOWING WHO WE ARE

IDENTITY OF THE ROMAN BELIEVERS & US

- LOVED BY GOD.
- CALLED TO BE SAINTS.
- BELONGING TO JESUS.

WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN TRYING TO BELONG TO YOURSELF INSTEAD OF TO CHRIST?

CONFIDENCE BEGINS WHEN WE KNOW WHOSE WE ARE





CONFIDENCE GROWS WHEN WE UNDERSTAND WHERE WE BELONG

- **THE GOSPEL MAKES US DEBTORS** — CONFIDENCE GROWS WHEN WE REALISE, WE HAVE SOMETHING WORTH GIVING.
- **THE GOSPEL CROSSES BOUNDARIES** — CONFIDENCE GROWS WHEN WE SEE GOD WORKING ACROSS CULTURES, PERSONALITIES, AND BACKGROUNDS.
- IT'S A GLOBAL THING – BIGGER THAN YOU AND ME.
- **THE GOSPEL PRODUCES EAGERNESS** — CONFIDENCE GROWS WHEN WE STEP OUT IN FAITH, NOT WHEN WE WAIT TO FEEL READY.

WHERE IS GOD CALLING YOU TO STEP TOWARD OTHERS RATHER THAN RETREAT?

CONFIDENCE IS ROOTED IN THE GOSPEL STORY & GROWS WHEN WE TRUST ITS POWER

- **THIS POWER SAVES** — RESCUES, RESTORES, RENEWS.
- **THIS POWER IS FOR EVERYONE WHO BELIEVES** — CONFIDENCE GROWS WHEN WE REALISE GOD'S GRACE IS NOT FRAGILE OR SELECTIVE.
- **THIS POWER REVEALS GOD'S RIGHTEOUSNESS** — CONFIDENCE GROWS WHEN WE STOP TRYING TO PRODUCE RIGHTEOUSNESS AND START RECEIVING IT.

WHERE ARE YOU RELYING ON YOUR STRENGTH INSTEAD OF GOD'S POWER?





CONFIDENCE IS DEEPENED THROUGH GOSPEL COMMUNITY

CONFIDENCE GROWS WHEN WE SEE FAITH LIVED OUT IN OTHERS.

CONFIDENCE GROWS WHEN WE SERVE TOGETHER.

CONFIDENCE GROWS WHEN WE HONOUR ONE ANOTHER.

CONFIDENCE GROWS WHEN WE REMEMBER GOD KEEPS HIS PEOPLE.

WHO ARE YOU ENCOURAGING? WHO ARE YOU HONOURING? WHO ARE YOU PARTNERING WITH?

CONFIDENCE IS SECURED BY GOD'S FAITHFULNESS

"NOW TO HIM WHO IS ABLE TO STRENGTHEN YOU…"

- **GOD IS ABLE.** NOT MERELY WILLING—ABLE.
- **GOD STRENGTHENS US THROUGH THE GOSPEL.** CONFIDENCE GROWS WHEN SCRIPTURE SHAPES US MORE THAN CIRCUMSTANCES.
- **GOD'S GLORY IS THE GOAL.** CONFIDENCE GROWS WHEN OUR LIVES AIM AT GOD'S GLORY, NOT OUR SUCCESS.

ARE YOU LETTING SCRIPTURE SHAPE YOU MORE THAN CIRCUMSTANCES?



THIS WEEK…

- READ ROMANS THIS WEEK. - ONE HOUR. ONE SITTING. DON’T WORRY ABOUT UNDERSTANDING EVERYTHING. LET THE SWEEP OF THE STORY SHAPE YOU.
- CONSIDER TENSIONS IN YOUR COMMUNITY. - ROME HAD JEW–GENTILE TENSIONS. WE HAVE OUR OWN DIFFERENCES. ASK: *HOW CAN I BUILD UNITY IN DIVERSITY?*
- REFLECT ON PAUL’S IDENTITY MARKERS. - SLAVE OF CHRIST. OBLIGATED TO SHARE THE GOSPEL. UNASHAMED OF THE GOSPEL. *WHICH OF THESE CHALLENGE YOU MOST?*
- ASK GOD FOR GOSPEL CONFIDENCE. - CONFIDENCE TO SPEAK. CONFIDENCE TO TRUST. CONFIDENCE TO STAND FIRM.