



What God Starts ... He Finishes

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Psalm 138:8 ... What, then, shall we say in response to this? If God is for us, who can be against us? Romans 8:31*

Foundational Truths that Cannot be Altered

1. All God's Promises Will _____.
Cp. Joshua 21:43-45
2. The Lord Will _____ His Work in Us.
Cp. Psalm 138:8; Philippians 1:6
3. The Entire Work of _____ is Guaranteed by God.
Cp. Romans 8:29-30; Philippians 1:6
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What Now? ... Application

1. We can be certain of our _____.
Cp. 1 John 5:12-13
2. We can be confident of _____ for us.
Cp. Philippians 1:6; 2 Timothy 2:13
3. We can have comfort while _____ circumstances.
Cp. Romans 8:28
4. We can remain _____ when the world is in _____.
Cp. Psalm 46
5. We can have _____ when our progress seems _____.
Cp. 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24
6. We can/should encourage others who are _____.
Cp. Hebrews 10:24-25; Hebrews 12:12-13
7. We can _____ because we know the end of the story.
Cp. James 5:7-8; 1 Thessalonians 4:13; Romans 8:38-39

Truth for Life

For the week of February 24, 2019
(Questions and Scriptures for further study)

1. Have you ever begun a project and never finished it? If so, share some details with your group. At what point in the project did you give up? Why didn't you finish it?
2. What does it mean to you to be confident? How do you develop confidence? What is the source of confidence? Read Philippians 1:6 in several translations. What is Paul confident about? Who is his confidence in?
3. Consider the following definitions. 1. **Worry** is an inordinate anxiety about something that may or may not occur. 2. **Stress** is a little more acute than worry. Stress is intense strain over a situation we cannot change or control—something out of our control. And 3. **Fear** is different from worry and stress. It is dreadful uneasiness over the presence of danger, evil, or pain. How do these definitions line up with your understanding of each?

How would the confidence illustrated in Philippians 1:6 assist someone in facing each of the above areas of concern?

4. Read the following verses that reveal God's promises.
Proverbs 3:26, 32 2 Chronicles 32:8 Psalm 138:8
Hebrews 10:35-36 Hebrews 4:16 Hebrews 13:6
How could these verses aid in developing your confidence?
5. Reread the application section and the seven points under it. Any one of them speak to you? Any step you need to take to develop confidence in God? How can this group help you in that?
6. Here are some more challenging questions that will be great to ponder among your small group.
 - a. How can we keep from growing bitter toward God when trials hit?
 - b. If we only pray to get what we want rather than to seek God Himself, what does it reveal about us?
 - c. How can we trust God when we feel He has let us down about something in the past?



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1. All God's Promises Will **Eventually be Fulfilled**.
Cp. Joshua 21:43-45
2. The Lord Will **Complete** His Work in Us.
Cp. Psalm 138:8; Philippians 1:6
3. The Entire Work of **Salvation** is Guaranteed by God.
Cp. Romans 8:29-30; Philippians 1:6
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1. We can be certain of our **salvation**.
Cp. 1 John 5:12-13
2. We can be confident of **God's purposes** for us.
Cp. Philippians 1:6; 2 Timothy 2:13
3. We can have comfort while **facing confusing** circumstances.
Cp. Romans 8:28
4. We can remain **calm** when the world is in **turmoil**.
Cp. Psalm 46
5. We can have **hope** when our progress seems **so slow**.
Cp. 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24
6. We can/should encourage others who are **faltering**.
Cp. Hebrews 10:24-25; Hebrews 12:12-13
7. We can **wait patiently** because we know the end of the story.
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