



I WILL REMAIN CONFIDENT

SERMON BLOG

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- **I Will Remain Confident: Finding Strength in God's Promises**

- In Psalm 27:13-14, David makes a powerful declaration: "I remain confident of this: I will see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living. Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord."

- These verses reveal a profound truth about maintaining faith during difficult seasons. While the first part of Psalm 27 (verses 1-6) shows David reassuring himself of God's favor and protection, and the middle section (verses 7-12) has him speaking to God about his problems, these final verses show David talking to himself about resilience and perseverance.

What does it mean to "remain confident" in God?

To remain confident means to stay anchored in the Lord. It's about being secure in what God's Word tells us and in our relationship with Him.

When David says "I remain," he's declaring "I'm not going anywhere. I'm staying put to see what God has for me."

This confidence isn't vague or general. David is specific: "I remain confident of this." He knew exactly what he was standing on. We can't be vague in our faith or what we're believing for. We need to be specific about our expectations from God.

How can I see God's goodness "in the land of the living"?

When David says he will see God's goodness "in the land of the living," he's declaring he expects to witness God's favor in this lifetime. While heaven will be glorious, David wanted to experience God's goodness here and now.

This means we can confidently expect:

Healing in this lifetime

Deliverance in this lifetime

Walking in our anointing in this lifetime

Living holy in this lifetime

Overcoming bad habits in this lifetime

Witnessing our children's success in this lifetime

Overcoming depression and anxiety in this lifetime

Financial stability in this lifetime

Peace and joy in this lifetime

What does it mean to "wait for the Lord"?

Waiting for the Lord doesn't mean sitting idle. It means:

Trusting God's timing

Actively waiting with expectation

Working while you wait

When seeking healing, actively waiting means going to the doctor, correcting nutrition, drinking water, and eating right. When asking God to bless finances, it means meeting with consultants, learning to budget, and practicing financial discipline.

God expects us to do our part while trusting Him for the outcome. As the saying goes: "Jesus and a therapist" - we pray AND we take practical steps toward wholeness.

What hinders our confidence in God?

Several things can undermine our confidence in God:

Impatience and desire for instant gratification - We want everything immediately and give up when God's timing differs from ours.

Becoming skeptical about God - When things don't happen as we want, we question God's existence or goodness.

Distractions - Social media, entertainment, and comparing ourselves to others can blind us to what God is doing in our lives.

Fear and anxiety - These emotions can overwhelm hope and overshadow faith.

Self-reliance culture - The "I can manifest it" mentality contradicts our dependence on God.

Negative experiences and disappointments - Past hurts can lead to bitterness and distrust.

Materialism - Thinking God isn't blessing us because we lack worldly success.

How can I develop resilience in my faith?

Resilience is the ability to recover quickly from setbacks and remain strong in the face of challenges. Isaiah 41:10 reminds us: "So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."

God doesn't promise to prevent all challenges, but He promises to be with us through them. As 2 Corinthians 4:8-9 says, "We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed."

What's the difference between persistence and perseverance?

Persistence is continuing steadily in a course of action despite obstacles. It's not giving up easily when facing opposition.

Perseverance is the continued effort to achieve something despite difficulties over the long term. It's steadfastness in pursuing a goal for the duration.

Galatians 6:9 encourages us: "Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up."

The Apostle Paul's testimony in 2 Timothy 4:7 exemplifies this: "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith." This is the ultimate declaration of perseverance and faithfulness - having no regrets because you gave God your all despite the challenges.

Life Application

Life is full of ups and downs, but God remains steady. If we stay in Him, our lives will be stable regardless of circumstances. He gives us strength to endure all things.

Each day, ask yourself:

Did I fight a good fight today?

Did I finish my race today?

Did I keep the faith today?

This is a daily battle, which is why we must look in the mirror each morning and declare: "I will remain confident."

Questions to reflect on this week:

What specific promise from God am I standing on right now?

Am I actively waiting or passively waiting for God's answer?

What practical steps can I take while waiting for God's timing?

Which hindrances (impatience, skepticism, distractions) most affect my confidence in God?

How can I develop greater resilience and perseverance in my faith journey?

Remember, in both good and challenging times, God remains God. It's up to us to remain confident in Him, knowing we will see His goodness in this lifetime.