Jesus, Our Better Confidence

Hebrews 10:19–39

Big Idea: Our confidence isn't found in ourselves, our circumstances, or our ability to hold everything together. Our confidence is found in Jesus, who has made a way for us to draw near to God and gives us hope to keep following Him.

Icebreaker: Where does your confidence come from? Share a time when you were completely confident about something, only to discover you were wrong. What happened, and what did you learn?

We all place confidence in different things. Hebrews 10 reminds us that the most important question isn't how confident we feel, but whether the One we're trusting is worthy of our confidence.

Come Close to God with Confidence - Read Hebrews 10:19–25.

- According to verses 19–22, what has Jesus done that allows us to approach God with confidence? How is this different from trying to earn God's acceptance through our good behavior?

- Sometimes when we struggle with sin, guilt, or shame, our natural response is to pull away from God rather than draw near to Him. Why do you think we do that? What would it look like to approach God with an honest heart instead?

- Verse 23 reminds us to hold on to our hope, because "he who promised is faithful." How does remembering God's faithfulness help us when our feelings or circumstances cause us to question Him?

- Verses 24–25 challenge us to encourage one another toward love and good works. What is the difference between simply attending church and being part of a spiritual family? How can our Growth Group become more intentional about encouraging and caring for one another?

Don't Abandon Your Confidence - **Read Hebrews 10:26–31.**

- This passage contains a serious warning about deliberately rejecting Jesus. What is the difference between a Christian who struggles with sin and wants to repent and someone who has hardened their heart toward Jesus?

- Spiritual drifting often happens gradually rather than all at once. What are some warning signs that someone may be growing distant from Jesus? How can we lovingly help one another recognize those signs without becoming judgmental?

- God's grace invites us to come close, but it also calls us to turn away from sin. How can we hold on to both truths without treating sin casually or living in constant fear that God will reject us?

Hold On to Your Confidence - **Read Hebrews 10:32–39.**

- The author encourages these believers to remember how God had sustained them through earlier hardships. Share a time when God was faithful during a difficult season. How might remembering that experience strengthen your faith today?

- Verse 34 describes believers who endured the loss of their possessions, because they knew they had something better and lasting in Christ. What are some things in our lives—security, comfort, success, relationships, or possessions—that can quietly become more important to us than following Jesus?

- Verse 36 reminds us that we need endurance. What does spiritual endurance look like in everyday life when prayers seem unanswered, relationships are difficult, or life doesn't turn out as expected?

- Hebrews 10:39 ends with an encouragement that we are people who live by faith rather than shrink back. Where is God asking you to take a step of faith or obedience right now, even though you don't know how things will turn out?

Takeaway Challenge: This week, take one intentional step of confidence in Jesus in one of these three areas:

- **Draw Near:** Spend intentional time with God in prayer. Confess something you've been carrying, surrender a worry, or return to Him in an area where you've been pulling away.

- **Encourage Someone**: Reach out to someone who may be struggling or drifting spiritually. Pray with them, encourage them with Scripture, or simply remind them they're not alone.

- **Keep Following:** Identify one area where following Jesus has become difficult. Take one practical step of obedience this week, trusting God's faithfulness rather than waiting for your circumstances to change.

Closing Question: What's one step you're committing to this week, and how can this group pray for you or help you follow through?

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