

## STAY POSITIVE: PART 4 – BE CONFIDENT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2022

*It is not a bad thing to have a healthy level of self-confidence. But self-confidence will only take us so far, and when it's at an unhealthy level can actually work against us. If self-confidence can only get us so far (or even work against us), is there a better path? Indeed there is – God-confidence will take us further and never work against us. In fact, because God is always for us, he is always working for us and always working in us. Self-confidence is okay but God-confidence is far better.*

### READ 1 CORINTHIANS 10:12; ROMANS 8:31-39

- How would you describe the difference between healthy and unhealthy self-confidence?
- What are some areas of life in which you are self-confident? What are some areas in life where you experience insecurity?
- In The Message paraphrase, 1 Corinthians 10:12 states that self-confidence is useless. What do you think that means?
- In The Message paraphrase, 1 Corinthians 10:12 says to cultivate God-confidence? What do you think that means?
- What are some things that cause our confidence in God to waver? Why does it sometimes seem easier to be self-reliant than confident in God?
- Why do you think Paul states self-confidence is “useless” in The Message paraphrase?
- What do you think Paul means in Romans 8:31 when he writes that God is for us?
- How does God not sparing Jesus reveal that God is for us?
- If God is for us and has not spared Jesus (to redeem sin and restore broken relationship with God), do you believe that God is at work on your behalf in everything else? Why or why not?
- What does it mean to you that nothing can separate you from God's love?
- How does knowing you are loved by God in such an extravagant way that nothing can separate give you more confidence in God?
- What next step will you take to be confident?

### CONFIDENCE IS COOL – AND POSSIBLE!