



CONFIDENCE 3 Fullness



DEFINITION: Confidence is a deeply-rooted sense of SURE FOUNDATION, BOLD FAITH & INNER STRENGTH based on fact that the CONFIDENT ONE went BEFORE you, lives INSIDE you + walks WITH you.

- * God-confidence is great because it CHANGES the WAY you RELATE to the world.
 - * God-confidence is great because it means you're no longer HELD BACK by FEARS, INSECURITIES & DOUBTS from your PAST.
 - * God-confidence is great because it depends on HIM, not YOU.
- *Would you say that you personally walked in God-confidence? Would you like to? What in the above particularly appeals? What steps do you think you need to take to get there?*

BIG PREMISE

In order to OPERATE IN, EXPERIENCE, ENJOY God-confidence, we have to be:

1. WHOLE
 2. FULL
- so we can be 3. BOLD.

LORD'S PURPOSE: To work into us WHOLENESS by process of SANCTIFICATION.

If God can do that in us, a significant SHIFT takes place:

- * It's no longer our FLAWS or the enemy's LIES that DEFINE us,
- * But rather who GOD SAYS I AM how He SEES me, what He SAYS I can DO + what He's PROMISED me.
- * Jesus called this 'BUILDING YOUR HOUSE ON THE ROCK.'

If you're WHOLE & HEALTHY, that's a GREAT START.

But, if you're also FULL OF GOD, now we're talking!

- * With His WORD on tip of your tongue
- * With BLOOD washing clean + drawing you near
- * With His LOVE filling + leading you
- * ANOINTING of His SPIRIT on you like cloak

THEN you can be EXTREMELY CONFIDENT

→ *Why does wholeness come first? Why does fullness come next?*

FULLNESS (Colossians 2:9, Ephesians 4:12-13, 3:16-19)

→ *How would you define fullness? How does that compare to who Jesus was and what He did? Would you say that fullness was attainable or just an impossible dream?*

→ *What do we learn about fullness from Paul's prayer in Ephesians 3:16-21? What is Jesus' role in our fullness? What is the Holy Spirit's role in our fullness?*

Ephesians 3:19 (NLT) → *Then you will be MADE COMPLETE with all the FULLNESS of LIFE and POWER that comes from God.*

FULL OF WHAT? (Acts 6:3-8, Luke 10:21, Colossians 1:11, Acts 13:52, 9:36)

1. SPIRIT
2. WISDOM
3. GRACE
4. POWER
5. FAITH
6. JOY
7. KINDNESS

→ *Which of these grab your attention? What do you have? What do you lack? What do we most need as the church of Jesus Christ?*

Isaiah 11:1-3 → ¹*A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a Branch will bear fruit.* ²*The Spirit of the Lord will rest on him: the Spirit of WISDOM + of UNDERSTANDING, the Spirit of COUNSEL + of MIGHT, the Spirit of the KNOWLEDGE + FEAR OF THE LORD*

HOW DO WE BECOME FULL?

1. TAUGHT (Romans 10:17, 1 John 2:14b)

- * The very best thing we can do is become FULL of WORD.

→ *What is it about God's Word that leads to fullness? (Think Isaiah 11:1-3) What is the significance of the word 'hear' in Romans 10:17?*

2. CAUGHT

- * If you HANG AROUND someone long enough, you start to THINK, SPEAK & BEHAVE like them.
- * GET AROUND people who HAVE what you NEED.

→ *Who have been the significant influences in your life – whether people you've met and know, or people you've listened to and learned from? Who already has what you currently need? What might you do about that?*

→ *Spiritual things are caught. There's a transference or impartation. Discuss!*

3. SOUGHT

- * Fullness is something you SEEK, PURSUE, DIG FOR LIKE TREASURE (Psalm 24:3-4, Matthew 6:33, Luke 11:9-13).
- * We have an OPEN INVITATION to COME, to SEEK, to MORE, to FULLNESS (Matthew 5:6, John 7:37, Hebrews 11:6).

→ *How do you seek? What are you currently pursuing?*

WHAT IF?

→ *What if everywhere I go, I go full of God. What if in every situation, the Word, Spirit, love and truth go first. What if I know that the full weight of heaven's promises go before me. How does that change my life? How does that change our church?*