

# **GAINING CONFIDENCE**

## **Part 2: Boosters and Busters**

### **CONFIDENCE BOOSTERS**

- The belief connection
  1. What we believe, right or wrong, has impact
  2. Believing we have the capacity
  3. Relational confidence is a belief that we are on good ground
- Confidence with God is based on beliefs
  1. What we believe about Him - His nature and character
  2. What we believe about ourselves because of what He has done in us
  3. What we believe about our relationship with Him (***Luke 1:45 NLT***)

### **SAMSON'S CONFIDENCE AND DOWNFALL**

- Samson believed the source of his strength (***Judges 15:12-15 NKJV***)
  1. He was not afraid of being arrested and bound
  2. He was not afraid to face his enemies
  3. The Spirit of the Lord empowered him
- Samson believed he was special (***Judges 16:15-17 and 19-20 NKJV***)
  1. He knew he was the product of a supernatural birth
  2. He knew he was a Nazirite from the womb
  3. He also knew that without that connection, he would be weakened
- Samson did not place enough value in this special connection to God
  1. The enemy pestered and pressed him
  2. He was not aware of the enemy or the consequences

### **THE BOOSTERS AND BUSTERS THAT IMPACT OUR CONFIDENCE (WHAT WE BELIEVE HAS IMPACT)**

- Believe in our spiritual power source (***2 Timothy 1:7 NKJV***)
  1. We have the same Spirit of the Lord that was on Samson
  2. Because we don't see, feel, or mentally grasp does not mean there is nothing there
  3. Acknowledge His help and power
- Believe what God has done for us in Christ
  1. Samson knew he was special from birth
  2. We can know that we are special (***1 Peter 2:9 NKJV***)
- Place great value on our relationship and connection to the Lord
  1. Recognize the attempts of the enemy to steal our strength
  2. We must keep our heart clear with the Lord (***1 John 3:20-21 NKJV***)
  3. The stronger our connection, the stronger our confidence