

KEEPING CONFIDENCE

Part 1: When You Don't Understand

CONFIDENCE: A TRUST IN SOMEONE OR SOMETHING

- Places we place confidence
 1. Ourselves
 2. Other people and institutions
 3. God
- Confidence can be discarded (*Hebrews 10:35 NKJ*)
 1. Implies you have the choice
 2. The best long term strategy is to hold onto to your confidence

WHEN THE DISCIPLES DID NOT UNDERSTAND (*John 6:57-63, 66-69 NKJ*)

- Jesus said some things they did not understand
 1. They took His words at face value
 2. Many of His disciples - went to the back and stopped walking with Him
- Jesus did not respond to the exodus
 1. He directed no anger nor did He criticize the ones who walked away
 2. He did not apologize for His words or try to restate them
 3. He asked the twelve about their choice - always a choice with God
- Peter's response to Jesus
 1. Who are we going to go to?
 2. He professed his faith in who Jesus was

KEEPING YOUR CONFIDENCE WHEN YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND

- There is more to life than meets the eye (*2 Corinthians 4:16-18 NKJ*)
 1. There is a spiritual realm beyond the realm we feel and see
 2. We are not going to understand everything
- Recognize there is no better plan
 1. Where are you going to go?
 2. Other religions can't offer the love, the forgiveness and the hope that is Christ
 3. Science and technology - limited and offers nothing past this life
 4. Back to a life with no restrictions/ boundaries - only good for a season
- Give voice to your beliefs
 1. Not your doubts, complaints and questions
 2. Engage that heart/mouth connection (*Romans 10:10 NKJ*)