

# **CAN'T STOP THIS**

## **Part 2: Confidence Builders and Breakers**

### **CONFIDENCE**

- Confidence - A feeling of trust
  1. A state of positive expectation that events will be favorable
- Confidence builders and breakers
  1. Experience
  2. Input from trusted voices
  3. Culture / environment
- We can have confidence with God (***Ephesians 3:11-12 NKJ***)
  1. Jesus has created a culture of confidence with God
  2. But in our union with Him we have boldness and access with confidence

### **GIDEON'S CONFIDENCE BREAKERS** (***Judges 6:11-16 NKJ***)

- He blamed God for the nation's negative situation (bad culture)
  1. Completely missed the fact that the nation had turned from God
- Ignored the the good news coming his way (input)
  1. The Lord was with him
  2. The Lord saw him as mighty and the Lord was sending him
- Very much aware of why he could not do what God was assigning to him (experience)
  1. Saw himself in a negative light
  2. God was not basing a victory on Gideon's strength

### **BUILDING CONFIDENCE WITH GOD**

- When it comes to problems the first finger should never be pointed God's way
  1. Blaming Him hinders our confidence in His help (not a good culture)
  2. Three places to look first (***John 16:33 NIV***)
- Choose to believe His message, not what we experience around us
  1. Looking for signs of His presence, not His absence
  2. Choose to believe He is with us and helping us (***1 Peter 1:8 NKJ***)
- Change your focus
  1. Not looking at and talking about ourselves
  2. Magnify God not us or our troubles (***Psalms 34:3 NKJ***)
  3. Magnify what God has done in us (input)