

# Building a God-centered Confidence that Lasts

Philippians 3:1-11 (NLT)

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## 1. Start your confidence right by making God your foundation.

**Philippians 3:1** <sup>1</sup> *Whatever happens, my dear brothers and sisters, rejoice in the Lord. I never get tired of telling you these things, and I do it to safeguard your faith.*

## 2. Refuse to trust in counterfeits.

**Philippians 3:6-7** <sup>6</sup> *I was so zealous that I harshly persecuted the church. And as for righteousness, I obeyed the law without fault. <sup>7</sup> I once thought these things were valuable, but now I consider them worthless because of what Christ has done.*

## 3. Put your confidence in God's reliable hands.

**Philippians 3:8-9** <sup>8</sup> *Yes, everything else is worthless when compared with the infinite value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have discarded everything else, counting it all as garbage, so that I could gain Christ <sup>9</sup> and become one with him. I no longer count on my own righteousness through obeying the law; rather, I become righteous through faith in Christ. For God's way of making us right with himself depends on faith.*

**Philippians 1:6** <sup>6</sup> *And I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns.*

**4. Make a commitment to put your confidence in God now.**

**Philippians 3:10-11** <sup>10</sup> *I want to know Christ and experience the mighty power that raised him from the dead. I want to suffer with him, sharing in his death,* <sup>11</sup> *so that one way or another I will experience the resurrection from the dead!*

**John 11:25-26** <sup>25</sup> *Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Anyone who believes in me will live, even after dying.* <sup>26</sup> *Everyone who lives in me and believes in me will never ever die. Do you believe this...?*