

UNSTOPPABLE

GOD'S PRESENCE IN OUR CIRCUMSTANCES

Hebrews 13:5-6 NKJV: Let your conduct be without covetousness; be content with such things as you have. For He Himself has said, **"I will never leave you nor forsake you."** So we may boldly say: "The Lord is my helper; I will not fear. What can man do to me?"

LIFE GROUP / PERSONAL STUDY:

As we all deal with difficulties and circumstances that are beyond our understanding or control, it is comforting to know that "God's Presence in our Circumstances" is "Unstoppable!" We all have many things in common that cause these difficult circumstances, such as the fact that we're all sinners and have to deal with the consequences of our sin and the sin of others every day. Sin then leads to other things we have in common such as suffering and sorrow. Our focus this week is on how we can know that no matter how difficult our circumstances may be that we are never alone, which gives us hope.

1A) Since we all have to deal with sin in our lives, what do we learn from 1 John 1:9?

1B) PERSONAL: How are you encouraged by this verse?

2A) There is only one unforgivable sin. What is that sin?

2B) How do the following verses explain this sin?

John 3:36:

Luke 10:16:

Matthew 12:31:

3A) What are we told to do in Hebrews 13:5?

3B) What promise are we given that should help us do these things?

3C) PERSONAL: How difficult is it for you to follow these commands? What changes in your thoughts or attitude etc. do you think you need to make?

Read 1 Timothy 6:6-10:

4A) What can we learn from this passage about contentment and the temptations we face that threaten our contentment?

4B) PERSONAL: How do you see this lack of contentment in our world today?

Read Psalm 23:

5A) How does this Psalm reveal that in our relationship with Jesus, we can have contentment and companionship.

5B) PERSONAL: What promise have we been given in 2 Peter 1:3 and how does this promise give you encouragement?

Read Hebrews 13:6:

6A) Because God has said that He will never leave us or forsake us, what can we say?

6B) PERSONAL: How does this Truth give you renewed confidence?

7A) PERSONAL: How does knowing and understanding that “God’s Presence in your circumstances” is unstoppable give you comfort?

7B) PERSONAL: Who else could you share this comfort with this week? Write down some names of people who need comfort and reach out to them with this message of contentment, confidence, and hope.

ACT: Jesus promised that He will never leave us or forsake us along with other promises that we have looked at this week. Challenge: Write down the promises we’ve found. Pray and ask God to fulfill these promises in your life and then walk with confidence every day because these promises assure us that we are never alone!

Daily Devotional: It always helps to look at the context of the passage. Then try to answer the following questions about the passage. Who is involved? What is going on? Where is the action taking place? When? How can this concept apply to my life? Why is it important? Also look for Commands, Warnings, and Examples to follow or not to follow.

- This week let's look at passages that describe the confidence we can have in the Lord.

Monday:

Psalm 71:5 NIV

For you have been my hope, Sovereign Lord, my confidence since my youth.

Tuesday:

Isaiah 32:16-18 NIV

The Lord's justice will dwell in the desert, his righteousness live in the fertile field. The fruit of that righteousness will be peace; its effect will be quietness and confidence forever. My people will live in peaceful dwelling places, in secure homes, in undisturbed places of rest.

Wednesday:

Jeremiah 17:7-8 NIV

"But blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, whose confidence is in him. They will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream. It does not fear when heat comes; its leaves are always green. It has no worries in a year of drought and never fails to bear fruit."

Thursday:

Ephesians 3:12 NIV

In him and through faith in him we may approach God with freedom and confidence.

Friday:

Hebrews 4:15-16 NIV

For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin. Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

Saturday:

Hebrews 10:19-23 NIV

Therefore, brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful.

Sunday:

1 John 5:13-15 NIV

I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life. This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. And if we know that he hears us—whatever we ask—we know that we have what we asked of him.

