

## July 29 | Sunday

Shaped by God's heart...confident and hopeful

Read [1 John 2:28-3:3](#)



### 30 | Mon – The most important person's opinion | Read [1 John 2:28](#)

Self confidence is highly valued in today's world. It may be easy to project this attitude outwardly but most of us have days when inwardly we are not so convinced. John speaks of the day when you will be face to face with God. How can you be confident and unashamed before Him when that happens? What do you think it means to 'remain in him'?

### 31 | Tue – A cheerleader for life | Read [1 John 3:1](#)

Is there a respected person in your life that you love to be around because they make you feel good about yourself? Does this person's affirmation make it easier to face others who want to put you down? Today's verse is a treasure. Read the words slowly and outloud to yourself. God knows who you are and loves you lavishly. Remember that when you find yourself facing your own doubts .

### 01 | Wed – The bread is still rising | Read [1 John 3:2](#) and [Philippians 1:6](#)

When you are disappointed in yourself, it is hard to be confident. This verse is a reminder you are not yet who you will be. Read that again. God has plans for you. The person He is helping you become will be quite something and it may even surprised *you* when you see the end result. Want a sneak preview? Take another look at the kind of person Jesus (was) is. That's the model God uses as He recreates new life in you.

### 02 | Thu – Watch out! | Read [Luke 18:9-14](#)

Jesus' story contains a warning that would be wise to heed. As you become a 'better' person because of God's grace, it can be easy to fall into a false self-confidence, thinking your good works make you just a notch higher in God's eyes than others you consider to be less spiritual. How dangerously wrong that type of confidence is! What can you do to guard yourself against such soul-poisoning thoughts?

### 03 | Fri – It takes two to stay balanced | Read [John 15:5](#) and [Philippians 4:13](#)

What is the antidote for false self-confidence? Put these two verses above together and you will have the perfect guardrails. When you've experienced repeated success and people applaud your efforts, read Jesus' words in John 15. And if you are facing something so difficult you *know* you cannot handle it, read Paul's encouraging words in Philippians 4. Do you have a trusted friend who can help you stay accountable in either situation?

### 04 | Sat – Facing the future confidently | Read [Romans 15:13](#)

Have you experienced a hope for something which never worked out? If so, you might find it challenging to remain confident of a good outcome the next time. Hope is the companion to confidence. You can't adequately face the future without both. The kind of hope/confidence which cannot be easily extinguished comes from only one source. This prayer Paul prayed for the Roman believers, surrounded by persecution and living on borrowed time, holds true for you today. Can you receive it for yourself and then pass it on?