

GET YOUR CONFIDENCE BACK

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Confidence is the ingredient that _____ me to act on my calling.

Where am I looking for my confidence?

“The Israelites did evil in the LORD’s sight. So the LORD handed them over to the Midianites for seven years. The Midianites were so cruel that the Israelites made hiding places for themselves in the mountains, caves, and strongholds. Whenever the Israelites planted their crops, marauders from Midian, Amalek, and the people of the east would attack Israel, camping in the land and destroying crops as far away as Gaza. They left the Israelites with nothing to eat, taking all the sheep, goats, cattle, and donkeys. These enemy hordes, coming with their livestock and tents, were as thick as locusts; they arrived on droves of camels too numerous to count. And they stayed until the land was stripped bare. So Israel was reduced to starvation by the Midianites. Then the Israelites cried out to the LORD for help. When they cried out to the LORD because of Midian, the LORD sent a prophet to the Israelites. He said, ‘This is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: I brought you up out of slavery in Egypt. I rescued you from the Egyptians and from all who oppressed you. I drove out your enemies and gave you their land. I told you, I am the LORD your God. You must not worship the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you now live. But you have not listened to me.’ Then the angel of the LORD came and sat beneath the great tree at Ophrah, which belonged to Joash of the clan of Abiezer. Gideon son of Joash was threshing wheat at the bottom of a winepress to hide the grain from the Midianites. The angel of the LORD appeared to him and said, ‘Mighty hero, the LORD is with you!’”

Judges 6:1–12 (NLT)

MY CONFIDENCE GROWS WHEN I ...

1. Discover my God-given _____.

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Judges 6:11–12 (NLT)

2. Embrace my God-given _____.

- a) Confusion (Judges 6:13-14)
- b) Obedience (Judges 6:25-31)
- c) Confirmation (Judges 6:33-40)

“‘Sir,’ Gideon replied, ‘if the LORD is with us, why has all this happened to us? And where are all the miracles our ancestors told us about? Didn’t they say, The LORD brought us up out of Egypt? But now the LORD has abandoned us and handed us over to the Midianites.’ Then the LORD turned to him and said, ‘Go with the strength you have, and rescue Israel from the Midianites. I am sending you!’”
Judges 6:13-14 (NLT)

What is your God-given assignment that you have lost initiative for?

3. Rely on my God-given _____.

- d) Selection (Judges 7:1-8)
- e) Execution (Judges 8:1-22)
- f) Glorification (Judges 8:22-23)

“‘But Lord,’ Gideon replied, ‘how can I rescue Israel? My clan is the weakest in the whole tribe of Manasseh, and I am the least in my entire family!’ The LORD said to him, ‘I will be with you. And you will destroy the Midianites as if you were fighting against one man.’”
Judges 6:15-16 (NLT)

“When I think of all this, I fall to my knees and pray to the Father, the Creator of everything in heaven and on earth. I pray that from his glorious, unlimited resources he will empower you with inner strength through his Spirit. Then Christ will make his home in your hearts as you trust in him. Your roots will grow down into God’s love and keep you strong.”
Ephesians 3:14–17 (NLT)

Take Your Next Step



1. empowers 2. identity 3. assignment 4. strength

重拾自信

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自信是使我有_____去回應呼召的關鍵元素

我在哪裏尋找自信？

「以色列人做上主看為邪惡的事，上主就把他們交給米甸人七年。米甸人極為殘忍，以色列人只好躲在山間，藏在洞穴和山寨裏。每當以色列人種莊稼的時候，米甸、亞瑪力和東方的掠奪者就會來攻擊以色列。他們在那裏紮營，毀壞莊稼，遠至迦薩一帶，不給以色列人留下一點食物，還帶走所有的綿羊、山羊、牛和驢。這大羣的敵人帶着牲畜、帳篷湧來，多如蝗蟲；他們騎着駱駝而來，數不勝數。他們留在那裏，直到土地上的一切被劫掠一空。以色列人被米甸人折磨得飢餓難忍，只好向上主呼喊求助。以色列人因米甸人的緣故呼求上主，上主就差遣一位先知到以色列人那裏。那先知說：『上主以色列的上帝這樣說：我領你們離開埃及的奴役，救你們擺脫了埃及人和所有欺壓你們的人。我趕走了你們的敵人，把他們的土地賜給了你們。我曾告訴你們：我是上主你們的上帝，現在你們住在亞摩利人的土地上，不可拜他們的神明。你們卻不聽。』後來上主的天使來到，坐在俄弗拉的大樹下，這樹屬於亞比以謝宗族的約阿施。約阿施的兒子基甸正在醱酒池的底部打麥子，好把穀物藏起來，不讓米甸人看見。上主的天使向他顯現，說：『威武的英雄啊，上主與你同在！』」

士師記 6:1-12 (新普及譯本)

我的自信會增長，當我 ...

1. 發現上帝賦予的_____

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士師記 6:11-12 (新普及譯本)

2. 捉緊上帝給予的_____

- a) 困惑 (士師記 6:13-14)
- b) 服從 (士師記 6:25-31)
- c) 確認 (士師記 6:33-40)

「基甸就說：『先生，如果上主與我們同在，這一切怎麼會發生在我們身上呢？我們祖先告訴我們的神蹟究竟在哪裏呢？他們不是說上主把我們從埃及領出來了嗎？現在上主卻離棄了我們，把我們交給米甸人手中。』這時上主轉向他，說：『用你的力量去救以色列脫離米甸人吧，我現在就派你去！』」

士師記 6:13-14 (新普及譯本)

哪些上帝給予的任務，你已失去主動性？

3. 依靠上帝賜予的_____

- d) 選擇 (士師記 7:1-8)
- e) 執行 (士師記 8:1-22)
- f) 榮耀 (士師記 8:22-23)

「基甸說：『可是主啊，我怎麼能拯救以色列呢？我的宗族在整個瑪拿西支派中是最弱小的，在我整個家族中我是最微不足道的！』上主對他說：『我必定與你同在，你一定會消滅米甸人，就像對付一個人那麼容易。』」

士師記 6:15-16 (新普及譯本)

「我想到這一切，就跪下來向父禱告；他是天地萬物的創造主。我祈求上帝藉着他的靈，以他的榮耀、無限之源使你們的內心剛強起來。這樣，基督便因着你們相信他而住在你們心裏，你們就會扎根在上帝的愛裏，保持強壯。」

以弗所書 3:14-17 (新普及譯本)

邁出你的下一步



1. 力量 2. 身份 3. 任務 4. 力量