



7 KEYS TO BOOST YOUR CONFIDENCE

PREPARE YOURSELF TO RECEIVE

- Pen & paper ready
- Transform, not just inform.
- Hear, not just from me, but from God.
- Be ready to receive.
- Be ready to discover a new kind of confidence!



HERE'S THE PROBLEM

- You KNOW God has for more you!
- There's another level of faith.
- A greater degree of impact.
- You have a calling or career - you need confidence to claim your highest place of service.
- But you're afraid, unsure, unclear



WHO IS THIS FOR?

- You feel called to a specific Mountain of Influence (Education, Family, Church, Arts, Media, Politics/Government or Business). You need the confidence to speak out and stake your claim to the most strategic position on that mountain.
- God has given you a Vision - you need courage and confidence to move in the direction of its fulfillment.



WHO IS THIS FOR?

- You have (or are called to begin) a ministry. You need confidence to walk in authority, knowing God will grant you every piece of land where you place your feet.
- You have a message (a book, blog, teaching) you want to share with the world, but you need confidence to stand up and speak up.
- You are pregnant with destiny and just need a midwife to bring it to birth.



WHO IS THIS NOT FOR?

- This presentation is NOT for everyone!
- If your entire life is about you, yourself, your family and your little corner of the world, then I'm sorry, but I can't help you.
- (Well, okay, I probably could but it's not the best use of my time! I'm in the second half of life and I want to devote the rest of my days on earth to strategic mobilization!)



WHO IS THIS NOT FOR?

- My call is to equip women who want their lives to be about something bigger than themselves.
- Women who want their lives to make an impact.
-so if I didn't scare you away with that, you've found where you belong!
- Because you want your life to be about something bigger than you.



WHO IS THIS NOT FOR?

- You don't need God Confidence to live a small little life that's "all about me"
- You need God Confidence to LIVE LARGE - to live a life that's "all about HIM."



BEFORE ANYTHING ELSE!

- Throw away FOREVER all self-confidence.
- Why? The first half should be our clue! Anything rooted in self will inevitably cause us to stumble.
- Self-confidence is based on our own evaluation of what we are or are not capable of.
- It's based on a strictly human analysis of strictly human factors.
- Too dangers: too much confidence in “self” is an obvious form of pride.



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Pride goes before destruction, a
haughty spirit before a fall.

-Proverbs 16:18



SELF-CONFIDENCE DEFINED

- What might be less obvious is that low self-confidence is also rooted in pride.
- Self is still self. And self is not God.
- Pride says, “If it’s to be, it’s up to me.” Low self-confidence just responds, “But I can’t do it.” It’s still about “me” instead of Him.
- Humility isn’t thinking less of yourself; it’s thinking of yourself less.



BEFORE ANYTHING ELSE!

- Whether you have a little or a lot...
- Self-confidence is a deception.
- A little or a lot - it's rooted in the sin of pride and doomed to be the downfall of anyone who leans on it.
- God Confidence acknowledges that we are the smallest factor in the equation.
- It's not about US at all; it's about Him.



KEY #1

ASSIGNMENT

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Nothing beats a sure word from God.



“Gideon was threshing wheat in a winepress to keep it from the Midianites. When the angel of the Lord appeared to Gideon, he said, “The Lord is with you, mighty warrior.”

-Judges 6:11-12



KEY #1: ASSIGNMENT

- Context: The Larger Story
- People had rebelled against God and were facing the dire consequences of their foolish choices.
- They were over-run and overwhelmed by their enemies.
- God comes to Gideon to speak to him...
- ...about the **NEEDS OF OTHERS!**
- God gives him an **ASSIGNMENT.**



KEY #1: ASSIGNMENT

- An ASSIGNMENT is always about something larger than your little story.
- An ASSIGNMENT is always about God's larger story.
- Are you open to an ASSIGNMENT?
- Most contemporary Western Christians are not... they are interested in themselves. And they wonder why they don't hear from God or see him work in miraculous ways. #mysterysolved



KEY #1: ASSIGNMENT

- God saw his potential, not his current performance.
- Currently, he was in hiding.
- But he had the potential to step up and be the Mighty Warrior God had created him to be.
- God has already equipped you with the temperament and gifts you need to fulfill your Assignment.
- The world (and you) may not see it yet.



KEY #1: ASSIGNMENT

- It's not until you begin to step into the ASSIGNMENT that you, and those around you, discover your true identity.
- It's only then that you fulfill your potential.



KEY #2

AFFIRMATION

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If it's really God, he will affirm and confirm.



“Pardon me, my lord,” Gideon replied, “but if the Lord is with us, why has all this happened to us? Where are all his wonders that our ancestors told us about when they said, ‘Did not the Lord bring us up out of Egypt?’ ”

-Judges 6:13



“But now the Lord has abandoned us and given us into the hand of Midian.”

-Judges 6:13



KEY #2: AFFIRMATION

- It's okay to be honest with God.
- It's normal to feel confused about what God is saying and doing...and what He is asking you to do.
- God is not afraid of sincere questions.
- When we sense God speaking, it's okay to seek clarification, confirmation and affirmation.
- God often answers our questions with a question.



“ The Lord turned to him and said, “Go in the strength you have and save Israel out of Midian’s hand. Am I not sending you?”

-Judges 6:14



KEY #2: AFFIRMATION

- Go in the strength you have.
- God knows how much it is. You don't. And you won't until you step out (but that's #3!)
- AM I NOT SENDING YOU?
- It's never about the one who is going.
- It's about the One who is sending!
- If God is sending you, go in total God Confidence!



KEY #2: AFFIRMATION

- God will confirm the assignment.
- He will affirm you as his child and as his chosen.
- This is one of the most powerful purposes of the prophetic!
- The prophetic gifting is often used by God to confirm your call and affirm the correctness of your assignment.



“Pardon me, my lord,” Gideon replied, “but how can I save Israel? My clan is the weakest in Manasseh, and I am the least in my family.” The Lord answered, “I will be with you,

-Judges 6:15-16



KEY #2: AFFIRMATION

- Notice how Gideon falls back on self-confidence and comes up short.
- Notice how God refuses to boost his self-confidence but instead says, “I will be with you.”
- To paraphrase, “You are right about all your weaknesses, Gideon. But they are a non-issue! It’s not about YOU and your qualifications (or lack thereof). It’s about me.”



KEY #2: AFFIRMATION

- God doesn't just send us.
- He comes with us.



“Gideon replied, “If now I have found favor in your eyes, give me a sign...”

-Judges 6:15-16



KEY #2: AFFIRMATION

- Now Gideon puts out his famous fleeces.
- Many Christians have debated the wisdom of fleeces. Good idea? Bad idea?
- All we know is what scripture says.
- Gideon wanted a sign of God's favor.
- So did David!!!!!!



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Show me a sign of your favor.

-Psalm 86:17



KEY #2: AFFIRMATION

- God's FAVOR is crucial to the completion of any assignment!
- So looking for a sign of God's favor is wisdom!
- I'll be teaching more extensively on the favor of God in an upcoming session - it's one of my passions!



KEY #3 ACTION

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God directs our stepping not our sitting.



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Tear down your father's altar to
Baal..

-Judges 6:25



KEY #3: ACTION

- Now that Gideon has heard from God, knows what the ASSIGNMENT is and has received AFFIRMATION that he's not imagining things, it's time to take action.
- Notice that his first action puts his family on notice that obeying God is more important than pleasing them.
- Ouch.



KEY #3: ACTION

- Not everyone will like it when we step out in obedience to what God has asked us to do.
- Not everyone will approve.
- Not everyone will understand.
- That's why full confidence that you've heard from God is the critical first step.
- That's why I'm so passionate about the prophetic!



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The LORD directs our steps, so
why try to understand
everything along the way?

-Proverbs 20:24



KEY #3: ACTION

- God directs our steps, so it's important to take the first one.
- A body in motion tends to stay in motion.
- We learn best by doing.
- Steps of faith never make sense to onlookers...and often don't even make sense to us!
- That's why the first word needs to be a sure word!



KEY #4

APPROVAL

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*Learn to live for God's approval, not
man's.*



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...because he was afraid of his family and the townspeople, he did it at night rather than in the daytime.

-Judges 6:27



“The people of the town demanded of Joash, “Bring out your son. He must die.

-Judges 6:30



KEY #4: APPROVAL

- We must live our lives before an audience of One.
- Live for that final “Well done, good and faithful servant”
- Do we care about popularity contests...for human approval?



“Am I now trying to win the approval of human beings, or of God? Or am I trying to please people? If I were still trying to please people, I would not be a servant of Christ.

- Galatians 1:10



KEY #4: APPROVAL

- Many people disapproved of Gideon's actions!
- People may not approve of you.
- They may even misunderstand and misjudge you.
- It doesn't matter!
- God knows the truth and that's all that matters.
- His approval is the only approval that counts.



“Therefore judge nothing before the appointed time; wait until the Lord comes. He will bring to light what is hidden in darkness and will expose the motives of the heart. At that time each will receive their praise from God.

-1 Cor. 4:5



KEY #4: APPROVAL

- Don't judge the effectiveness of your life and ministry based on people's opinions.
- When you get to heaven, you might just be surprised at the eternal impact you've had.



KEY #5

ANOINTING

*The source of both power and
boldness.*



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Then the Spirit of the Lord
came on Gideon.

-Judges 6:34



KEY #5: ANOINTING

- God had spoken.
- Gideon had heard.
- Gideon took a first step of obedience by faith.
- NOW THE POWER OF GOD COMES.
- Wait! What?!?!?



KEY #5: ANOINTING

- Not sure we can make it a rule, but the disciples had heard Jesus speak and taken steps of faith, too.
- And their REAL ministry didn't start until they were filled with the power of the Holy Spirit.



“ People brought the sick into the streets and laid them on beds and mats so that at least Peter's shadow might fall on some of them as he passed by

-Acts 5:15



KEY #5: ANOINTING

- The ANOINTING breaks the yoke of bondage.
- Bondage to fear. Bondage to human approval.
The bondage of comparing yourself to other people.
- The ANOINTING makes you BOLD and FEARLESS.
- The Dangerous Shadow Anointing!



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The yoke shall be destroyed
because of the anointing.

-Isaiah 10:27



KEY #5: ANOINTING

- People will think you are *self-confident*.
- NO INDEED.
- You are ANOINTED.



“ When they saw the courage of Peter and John and realized that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished and they took note that these men had been with Jesus.

-Acts 4:13



KEY #6

ACCOUNTABILITY

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*Surround yourself with warriors who
are committed to the assignment.*



“Gideon and the hundred men with him reached the edge of the camp.

-Judges 7:19



KEY #6: ACCOUNTABILITY

- God will send people alongside of you, to stand with you in the fight.
- Knowing that those people are *with you* and *counting on you* gives you courage to continue forward.



KEY #7 AWAKE & ALERT

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*Resist the temptation to glide by on
autopilot.*



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During that night the Lord said
to Gideon...

-Judges 7:9



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When Gideon heard the dream and its interpretation, he bowed down and worshiped. He returned to the camp of Israel and called out, “Get up! The Lord has given the Midianite camp into your hands.”

-Judges 7:15



KEY #6: ACCOUNTABILITY

- Gideon had taken many steps of obedience along the way.
- Now it came time to secure the ultimate victory over his enemies, he remained awake and alert.
- He didn't drift into autopilot.
- He didn't begin to lean on his own understanding.
- He remained awake and alert.



THE OPPORTUNITY

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*To find your assignment, hear his
affirmation, take action, experience
his approval, come under the
anointing in the context of
accountability, so that you remain
alert and awake.*



THE OPPORTUNITY

- Find your assignment
- Hear his affirmation
- Take action
- Experience his approval
- Come under the anointing
- In the context of accountability
- So that you remain alert and awake



The **Courage** You Need for the **Life You Want**

GOD CONFIDENCE

THE COURAGE YOU
NEED FOR THE LIFE
YOU WANT



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THE OPPORTUNITY

- Know the difference between Self Confidence and God Confidence
- Wait for God to do what only he can do!
- Hear from God more clearly than ever before
- Stay confident and quickly bounce back from set backs
- Live like a Princess with Attitude (God's kind of princess!)

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THE OPPORTUNITY

- Break free from the Comparison Trap and the need for other people's approval
- Refuse to let difficult people bring out the worst in you
- Be energized by your faith (forget dry routines)
- Take the leap of faith into your destiny

The **Courage** You Need for the **Life You Want**



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THE OPPORTUNITY

- Step Into God's Call Upon YOUR Life — and do so with Absolute Confidence.

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