

10 Scriptures to help you be

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***“The fruit of that righteousness will be peace;
its effect will be quietness and confidence forever.”***

Isaiah 32:17 NIV

I'm a fixer. So when I see a problem, I want to know exactly how to fix it. Which is why this is my absolute favorite confidence scripture. Because it tells us the exact thing we need to do to be confident, which is to be righteous. Righteous means "whatever is right in God's eyes" and of course we can't be righteous on our own. We definitely need Jesus' help with that! But the more we depend on Jesus and make sure we're following His way - which is the Bible - the result of that will not only be confidence, but both inner and outer peace. Sign me up for that!

***“For I am the LORD your God who takes hold of your
right hand and says to you, Do not fear; I will help you.”***

Isaiah 41:13 NIV

This is the confidence scripture that I go to most often. There are a lot of things I'm scared of. A LOT! But reading this scripture makes me picture this giant hand of God reaching down from the clouds, taking my hand and helping me do whatever I'm scared of. And if God was physically holding my hand, I know I wouldn't be scared. So I literally feel the fear melting away and the courage to follow God wherever He leads becoming more and more present. Don't fear and be confident! God's saying, "Don't worry, I got you!"

***“For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do
good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.”***

Ephesians 2:10 NIV

"Handiwork." When I read this, I picture God making me, and then stepping back to look and saying, "Ya, I did that!" Lol. I'm sure God doesn't talk like me, but that's basically what He's saying here. We are His handiwork. He's proud of the way He made us. And He made us intentionally for great things that He has for us to do. This scripture reminds me that as long as I'm walking with Him daily, I'm prepared and equipped to do the things He puts in front of me. Why? Because He made me that way. And He made you that way too!

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“I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place, when I was woven together in the depths of the earth.”

Psalm 139:14-15 NIV

This is another scripture that reminds me that I - and specifically my body - was made on purpose. There are days I look in the mirror and can pick out several things I don't like and wish were different. But this scripture makes me reflect on how prideful that is. I'm basically saying that God, the Creator of the Universe, made a mistake because I don't agree with Him. That thought quickly inspires me to humble out. Because if God calls us "wonderful", who are we to call ourselves any different?

“Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go.”

Joshua 1:9 NIV

Did you know that being courageous is a command? Wow. So if we're following God, living in fear isn't an option for us. What a tall order! Thankfully, He gives us a promise to help with this seemingly impossible task and that is His presence. God promises He'll be with us everywhere - not just some places - making sure we have the best reason ever in life not to be afraid. I love how God's Word is constantly reminding us that He's always with us. Probably because He knew we'd forget.

“For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline.”

2 Timothy 1:7 NIV

Continuing from the scripture above, since being courageous is such an impossible command for us to carry out alone, not only has God promised to be with us Himself and walk along side us, but He has also promised to put the Holy Spirit inside us to help us live a life pleasing to Him. I love knowing that when I was born again, I got this amazing gift to help me be powerful and confident. And I'm so thankful God doesn't expect us to do it on our own!

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"I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing."

John 15:5 NIV

I love promises! They tell us that whoever is talking has every intention of keeping their word. And God can't lie so when I'm feeling low in confidence I go to His promises! This is one of my favorites because I'm a doer and it tells me the one thing I need to DO to get results. Only one thing! And that's stay close to God. When we do that, we're guaranteed to produce great things! Definitely a confidence booster. But be careful because that's not the only promise in this scripture. Without Him, we will bear nothing good from our lives. So at the end of the day, the good we do depends on how close to God we stay.

"I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus."

Philippians 1:3-6 NIV

Have you ever wondered where God was taking you, or felt stuck somewhere along the path? I know I have. Which is why I love this scripture. Yes, God has begun a great work in us and we get to trust that no matter what things look or feel like in the moment, that He won't leave us to figure it out for ourselves. The only thing we have to worry about is continuing to follow Him and He will do the work in our hearts, character, minds and lives. So great to know that God is there to help with all the hard stuff and doesn't expect us to do it alone!

"I will give them a heart to know me, that I am the LORD. They will be my people, and I will be their God, for they will return to me with all their heart."

Jeremiah 24:7 NIV

Can I be honest with you? I don't always want to read the Bible and pray. Actually, it seems like when I need to most, I don't want to. Which is why I love this scripture. Because God promises that when we're seeking Him with our whole heart, He'll give us the heart to do it! We can be confident in that. So in those moments I'm not "feeling it", I ask God to help me "want to". Then I trust that my heart will follow my feet at His command and start doing!

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*"The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy;
I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full."
John 10:10 NIV*

Sometimes, following Jesus gets hard and can feel like we're missing out. In those times, I can struggle to be confident in this life and even my faith in God can be shaken. This is the scripture I go to when I feel like this because it reminds me of two things. One, that Satan's only mission is to kill me and steal what God has for me, and that's what he's doing if I believe the lies he tells. And two, that Jesus didn't come to cheat me out of life but to give me a full life. And if I really believe that, I'll do life His way. I'm so thankful for this reminder! Satan is good at his job but I know Jesus is better at His!