

Confidence means learning to see yourself the way God sees you.

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DAY 1

Read Psalm 33:11

Do you have a calendar on the wall in your house or on the computer? Last year, right before the pandemic hit, calendars were full of activities! And then, as things started shutting down, pretty much everything on our calendars had to be erased or rescheduled. All those plans went right out the window! We have a little less confidence in the plans we make after 2020.

Thankfully, God doesn't have to write His plans in pencil. His plans stand firm, always. Nothing can stop God. We can trust God because He is in control. And even when things around us seem completely messy, God is the same yesterday, today and forever! He is always loving, always available, always GOOD and always completely trustworthy. **We can have confidence because God's plan is the best plan.**

Write out the words of today's verse on a sticky note and place it next to your family calendar. At your next family meal, read this verse and thank God for the reminder that you can trust that His plan is the best plan.

DAY 2

Read Proverbs 3:5-6

If there was a "greatest hits" list of verses from the Bible, this verse would probably make the top ten. Let's break this verse down into four parts.

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart." To trust simply means to put your faith or confidence in. When we put our confidence in God, we admit that His way is WAY better than ours.

"Do not depend on your own understanding" We will never know all that God knows. That's why trusting only in what we know or our own understanding isn't the best way to go.

"In all your ways obey him" Because God knows and sees all, and because His plans are the BEST plans, we should let God lead us.

"Then he will make your paths smooth and straight." When we obey him, we'll always be headed in the right direction.

Write out the words of the verse on index cards and arrange them in a windy path. Set a timer and see how long it takes you to walk along the path as you repeat the verse. Then line up the cards in a straight path. Time yourself a second time as you walk along and repeat the verse. Which was faster and easier?

DAY 3

Read Psalm 32:8

When you read the last part of today's verse, what do you think about? Did you know that God has His eye on you? It's true! God sees you. Not in a "he knows if you've been bad or good so be good for goodness sake" kind of way. God sees you. He knows you. He looks on you with love.

God keeps watch over us so He can instruct and teach us. Following God will always lead us in the right direction, not just because He knows all, but because He loves us. We can have confidence in God, knowing that His plans are the best plans.

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DAY 4

Read Proverbs 16:9

March around city seven times + Blow trumpet = Conquer city

That might seem like the least likely way to conquer a well defended city. But that's what God told Joshua to do! Joshua chose to trust God's plan of marching, counting, and trumpeting. On the seventh day, after they'd marched around the city seven times, the priests blew their trumpets, the people shouted and the walls came TUMBLING down! God's plan was bigger and better than any plan Joshua might have come up with on his own!

Today's verse reminds us that while planning and thinking ahead is perfectly fine, our trust and our confidence has to be in the Lord. We need to ask Him to show us where to go. **We might make a plan but God is the one who holds the future.**

So what are you thinking about lately? Are you making a plan for the summer? Are you trying to decide whether to play baseball or soccer? Ask God to help show you what to do. Spend some time today sharing your plan with God and ask Him to help you "establish your steps" and show you where to go.