

## Moving Forward - "Getting Back Our Spiritual Swagger."

Our Spiritual Swagger Comes From:

- God-Confidence
- Not self-confidence

Psalm 57: 1-7 (NLT) Have mercy on me, O God, have mercy! I look to you for protection. I will hide beneath the shadow of your wings until the danger passes by. <sup>2</sup>I cry out to God Most High, to God who will fulfill his purpose for me. <sup>3</sup>He will send help from heaven to rescue me, disgracing those who hound me. My God will send forth his unfailing love and faithfulness. <sup>4</sup>I am surrounded by fierce lions who greedily devour human prey— whose teeth pierce like spears and arrows, and whose tongues cut like swords. <sup>5</sup>Be exalted, O God, above the highest heavens! May your glory shine over all the earth. <sup>6</sup>My enemies have set a trap for me. I am weary from distress. They have dug a deep pit in my path, but they themselves have fallen into it. <sup>7</sup>My heart is confident in you, O God; my heart is confident. No wonder I can sing your praises!

Signs of Insecurities that Flow from Self-Confidence.

- 1) The people pleaser
- 2) The fisher
- 3) The one-upper

The Problem with Self-Confidence

- 1) My heart is deceitful.  
Jeremiah 17: 9 (NIV) The heart is deceitful above all things and beyond cure. Who can understand it?
- 2) My flesh is weak.  
Matthew 26: 41 (NIV) "The Spirit is willing but the body is weak."
- 3) My behavior is inconsistent.  
Romans 7: 15 (NIV) I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate I do.

The Beauty of God-confidence

- 1) God is always for me.  
Hebrews 10: 35 (NLT) So do not throw away this confident trust in the Lord. Remember the great reward it brings you!
- 2) God will always help me.  
Hebrews 13: 6 (NIV) So we say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can mere mortals do to me?"
- 3) God continues to work in me.  
Philippians 1: 6 (NIV) ...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.

It's Time to Get Back our  
Spiritual Swagger.  
Found in our  
God-Confidence.

Hebrews 13: 6 & Hebrews 10: 35 (NIV)

So we say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid."  
So do not throw away your confidence; it will be richly rewarded.