





*Smoky Hill Church of Christ*  
*2022 Theme*

# Be Steadfast, Immovable, Always Abounding in the work of the Lord

1 Corinthians 15:58

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*Pr. 3:26 For the Lord will be your confidence,  
And will keep your foot from being caught*

*Pr. 14:26 In the fear of the Lord there is strong confidence,  
And His children will have a place of refuge*

*2 Cor. 3:4 And we have such trust through Christ toward God*

*Phil. 3:3 For we are the circumcision, who worship God in the Spirit, rejoice in  
Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh*

*Jn 15:5 "I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him,  
bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing"*

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*We know that whoever is born of God does not sin; but he who has been born of God keeps himself, and the wicked one does not touch him.*

I Jn. 5:18

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*We know that we are of God, and the whole world lies under the sway of the wicked one.<sup>20</sup> And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us an understanding, that we may know Him who is true; and we are in Him who is true, in His Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God and eternal life.*

I Jn. 5:19-20



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*“I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God that you know that you have eternal life and that you may continue to believe in the name of the Son of God.”*

I John 5:13

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## ➤ Confidence in our obedience (1 Jn. 2:1-6)

- We can know if we love God (1 Jn. 3:22; 5:3)
- There is no true confidence without obedience (Ezek. 33:30-32)
- Sometimes God asks hard/inconvenient things of us (Luke 6:32)
- Is God our consultant or our creator?

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- Confidence in our obedience (I Jn. 2:1-6)
- **Confidence in our relationships (I Jn. 2:7-11)**
  - We now know a new kind of love (:7-8; John 13:34)
  - There is no confidence in darkness (:9-10)
  - It is easy to be blinded! (:11)

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- Confidence in our obedience (1 Jn. 2:1-6)
- Confidence in our relationships (1 Jn. 2:7-11)
- **Confidence in our teaching (1 Jn 2:12-14)**
  - You are strong!
  - The word of God abides in you!
  - You have overcome the wicked one!

## A few “confidence boosters”:

*“Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom,  
Let not the mighty man glory in his might,  
Nor let the rich man glory in his riches;*

*<sup>24</sup> But let him who glories glory in this,  
That he understands and knows Me,*

*That I am the Lord, exercising lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness in  
the earth.*

*For in these I delight,” says the Lord.*

Jer. 9:23-24

## A few “confidence boosters”:

*For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.*

2 Timothy 1:7

*according to the eternal purpose which He accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord, <sup>12</sup> in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through faith in Him*

Eph. 3:11-12

## A few “confidence boosters”:

*Therefore do not cast away your confidence, which has great reward. <sup>36</sup> For you have need of endurance, so that after you have done the will of God, you may receive the promise*

Hebrews 10:35-36

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