



“CONFIDENT ENDURANCE”

(ROMANS 8:28)

Intro: In the midst of our trouble there is a work being done. There is a divine invisible plan of God being manifested as you go through. The Lord will allow *affliction in our lives* to bring forth *appreciation and revelation in our hearts*. Consequently, for the Lord's Perfect Purpose, He allows us to dwell (for a season), in a challenging *atmosphere*, to cultivate a supernatural *endurance*, that is *confident* in HIS outcome and not ours i.e.=*CONFIDENT ENDURANCE*

CONFIDENT ENDURANCE Biblically Defined & Personally Stated

(Philippians 1:6 & 2 Timothy 2:3)

“I am persuaded, induced to believe, to obey God in spite of the suffering and affliction that may come with that obedience, because I trust The Lord's plan even without the details.”

Why We Need CONFIDENT ENDURANCE

- We need it so we can Face It!
- We need it in order to *wait productively* while the Lord Fixes “it” or “us”.
- We need it to grow in Faith, Intimacy and Experience
- *To know how to be in affliction and STILL SEE GOD!*

THE 4 CRITERIA OF CONFIDENT ENDURANCE

1. *CONFIDENT ENDURANCE* Consist Of _____
 Knowledge (vs. 28 “*And we know...*” =*HAVE SEEN AND UNDERSTOOD PAST ACTS*)-Lack of knowledge=Lack of Faith=Spiritual Destruction (Hosea 4:6). Here's What you need to KNOW...
 - What God has said concerning our trials (2 Corinthians 1:4)
 - What God Is Able to do (Ephesians 3:20)
 - What God has done (Psalm 77:14)

2. *CONFIDENT ENDURANCE* Consist Of _____ By
 Action (vs. 28 “*...that all things work together for good...*” =*COLLABORATE OR COOPERATE*)-We must *plan* to labor within *The Plan of God*.
 - Joshua had to *step in the Jordan* to be made great in the eyes of Israel (Joshua 3:7-17)
 - Naman had to *get in over his head* to be healed (2 Kings 5:10-14)
 - Jesus had to come and *suffer and die* in the flesh to save us (Mark 10:45)

3. CONFIDENT ENDURANCE Consist Of _____ The _____ (vs. 28 *"...them that love God..." =A DEEP LEVEL OF AFFECTION OR INTIMACY THAT IS DEMONSTRATED*)-Love for God is the motivating factor of our Confidence in Christ.
- His Love never *fails* despite our failure (Isaiah 49:14-16)
 - His Love moves our faith (Galatians 5:6)
4. CONFIDENT ENDURANCE Consist Of _____ - _____ (vs. 28 *"...called according to HIS purpose."*)-We've been called not simply for our own enjoyment or agenda but for God's Greater Purpose of...
- Evangelizing the lost (1 Corinthians 9:22-23)
 - Edifying one another (1 Thessalonians 5:11)
 - Exalting the Savior (John 12:32)