

## A LIFE OF CONFIDENCE

In a recent pre-game for the Boston Celtics, they used certain words to convey what the team needed to do. I've been a Celtics fan for a long time and it is now coming to a season where they might actually win. I'm really not a "fanatic" when it comes to professional basketball, but, the words used in the recent pre-game were interesting. One of the words used was "*confidence*."

The apostle Paul lived through many dreadful circumstances. Think about being rejected by your peers, and at times, left for dead. He was beaten for his devotion to Christ. You can read about all that he endured in 2 Corinthians 11.

God wants us to live a confident life. How many have felt inadequate to do what God wants us to do? Of course, we cannot be "*confident*" without knowing that God is with us to get us through whatever comes. And, not only that, but He gives us the abilities we need to do what He wants for our life.

Paul was "*confident*" because He believed that "*he could do all things through Christ who strengthens me.*" (Phil. 4:13) We realize too, that the strength that we have comes from God, who gives us the strength to do the things we feel inadequate about.

May God give all of us the "confidence" we need as we continue to serve Him.

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