

Confidence to Rest
Sunday November 6, 2016
Jerry French

Hebrews 10:35: "Therefore do not cast away your confidence, which has great recompense of reward."

God designed us to operate in rest. When we are stressed, we are in dis---ease, which can go into a disease. Nothing good comes out of living in worry, care and stress.

Satan operates in care, worry fear. Jesus says to cast our care on Him.

If we don't have the confidence in what Jesus has done for us, we are not going to rest.

If you don't have confidence that healing has already been done, you're not going to rest when you are sick.

If you don't have confidence that prosperity has already been done, you are not going to rest when there is lack in your life.

You must have confidence in the finished works of Jesus in order to rest.

Confidence is going to get you to the place of rest.

If you're not in confidence, you're going to be afraid, you're going to be in doubt.

Satan cannot **take** your confidence, you have to cast it away. Satan comes to try to get you to cast it away through feelings, emotional attacks or pain.

Once you cast your confidence away, there is no pay day - no "recompense of reward." (Heb 10:35)

Manifestations of God take place in resting - but you can't rest if you don't have the confidence in the finished work of Jesus.

Resting in the Lord is the highest level of faith that a person can operate in.

When you cast that confidence away, then you're in unbelief.

Maintain your confidence in the finished work of Christ and all His promises, then you will maintain your position of rest- and then God can work and bring about the manifestation that you are looking for. (You will receive your recompense of reward: payday is on the way.)

Hebrews 10:36: "For you have need of patience, that after you have done the will of God, you may receive the promise."

The devil wants you to be afraid that what God has promised you in His word won't come to pass.

What do you do when you find yourself in worry? Use these 6 steps:

1. Locate the scripture that is the solution for what you're dealing with. That is going to be your anchor. One scripture will do just fine, you don't need 10. That scripture becomes your peace. **Isaiah 26:3**: "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on Thee."

You need to fight those negative thoughts with words. (Count to 10 in your mind, then speak your name out loud. What happens to the thought? It stops. You can't fight thoughts with thoughts. You must fight those negative thoughts with words. Speak them out loud.

Whatever you focus on will come to you. The devil comes to bring you fear.
Fear tolerated = faith contaminated.

2. Let the Word of God change your thinking. Don't allow your thinking to try to change the Word. **Proverbs 23:7**: For as a man thinketh in his heart, so is he."

3. Meditate that scripture. **Joshua 1:8**: "This book of the law shall not depart out of your mouth; but you shall meditate therein day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written therein; for then shall you make your way prosperous, and then shall you have good success."
(Spend time until you can see it in your imagination.) Use your imagination. See yourself prosperous, see yourself healed, see yourself doing it. Nothing can stop you if you can imagine it. (The tower of Babel)

4. Let what you say agree with what you believe. Don't say anything that disagrees with what you believe. Call those things that be not as though they are. Let the redeemed of the Lord say so!!

5. Start thanking and praising God for the answer you found in the Word. Don't let that Word go, even if you don't feel like it, you praise some more, you thank Him some more, praise Him some more, thank Him some more.

6. Pray in the Spirit often.
1 Corinthians 14:2: For he who speaks in a tongue does not speak to men but to God, for no one understands him; however in the spirit he speaks mysteries."

1 Corinthians 14:14: For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays, but my understanding is unfruitful."

Jude 1:20: "But you, beloved, building yourselves upon your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit."

Romans 8:26: "Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weakness. for we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered."

Isaiah 28:11,12: "For with foreign lips and strange tongues God will speak to this people to whom He said, "This is the resting place, let the weary rest", and "This is the place of repose", but they would not listen.

Sabbath day as in Genesis 2:3 and Exodus 20:8. (A day of rest in the old testament.)
Sabbath is a shadow of things to come: Jesus Christ. Jesus is the Sabbath. He is your rest, He is your source.

Could it be we're not seeing the miracles, the manifestations because we are not at rest?
We get empowered by being in His rest.
Don't worry, look at the birds of the air and the flowers in the field. God takes care of them and you are more important than all these. (Matthew 6:26, 28, 29)

God did not design us for fear, worry, stress.
(Mark 4:35,36), Jesus is in the boat in the midst of the storm and He was sleeping.
Jesus is in your boat.

Be anxious for nothing. Don't allow your thoughts to lie to you.

Patience is what is needed to make sure you don't cast away your confidence. Be consistently conscious of what you believe. Don't let an event change what you believe. If you are confident you have been healed, don't let pain steal it away. Stay the same. Be patient.

Hebrews 4:6: "Therefore since it still remains for some to enter that rest, and since those who formerly had the good news proclaimed to them did not go in because of their disobedience.

Hebrews 4:11: "Let us therefore, make every effort to enter that rest, so that no one will perish by following their example of disobedience.

Unbelief will stop you from entering into His rest.

You're not going to be confident in something you don't believe.

If you don't believe that Jesus healed you 2000 years ago, you won't enter into that rest.

If you are having trouble believing something, go into a fast until your mind lines up with the Word of God. The purpose of fasting is to bring your doubts and unbeliefs in line with the word of God.

If you find yourself anxious or worried, look in the mirror and say, "I don't believe." because if I believed, I wouldn't be anxious or worried. So then listen to some tapes, confess the Word, Truth comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God.

Any man who is in unbelief, is not getting enough of the word of God.

Let us labor to enter the rest. (Hebrews 4:11) When you really believe something, the evidence of belief is rest.

God will do for you whatever you can believe Him for. Even though we are not faithful, He remains faithful to us.

2 Chronicles 32:7-8: "Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or discouraged... for there is a greater power with us.

Trust in God. Don't trust in man or your own ability, (your own flesh). You are cursed to fail.
Jeremiah 17:5-7: This is what the Lord says: "Cursed is the one who trusts in man, who draws strength from mere flesh, and whose heart turns away from the Lord. That person will be like a

bush in the wastelands; they will not see prosperity when it comes. They will dwell in the patched places of the desert in a salt land where no one lives. But blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, whose confidence is in Him. They will be like a tree planted by water that sends out its roots by the stream. It does not fear when heat comes; its leaves are always green. It has no worries in a year of drought and never fails to bear fruit."

Have no confidence in the flesh (Philippians 3:3)

When you don't have confidence in God, you murmur and complain against God. When you focus and speak more about your problem, you are giving glory to the devil. So we shouldn't complain because that is just agreeing with the devil.

If you don't have confidence in God's love for you, you won't have confidence in what He says to you.

Rest in His love. God is for you not against you. (Romans 8:31)

We love because He first loved us. (1 John 4:19)

Perfect love casts out fear. (1 John 4:18) His love is perfect. He loves you. If you are operating in fear, then you don't believe His love.

We can have confidence/boldness, because as He is, so are we in this world. (1 John 4:17)

Let us come boldly/ with confidence before the throne of God. (Hebrews 4:16)

Philippians 1:6: Be confident that He that began a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ.