

We Believe, So We Speak

Our confidence in God's Word and work

2 Corinthians 3-4

What is the basis of our confidence?

- The conversion of sinners (3:1-3)
- The work of Jesus Christ, not our efforts (3:4-11)

The glorious work of God's Spirit brings life.

What result does our confidence have?

- Our confidence in God's powerful work makes us very bold (3:12-18)
- Our confidence in God's powerful Word makes us speak clearly and openly (4:1-6)

We speak the gospel openly and boldly.

How do trials affect our confidence?

- God's power is highlighted by our weakness (4:7-12)
- God's sovereignty and goodness strengthen us (4:13)

When we are weak, God's glory shines brighter.

"I believed, and so I spoke" (4:13; Ps 116:10)

- "It has been written..." (4:13)
- The psalmist trusted in God, even when he was forced to admit out loud, "I'm in serious trouble here" (Ps 116:10)

What is the hope of our confidence?

- God will raise us like Jesus (4:14)
- God will be glorified by more and more people (4:15)
- God will give us perfect eternal bodies (4:16-18)

We believe God, so we keep speaking.

Do you believe God? Will you keep speaking?

- Have you experienced the power of the gospel?
- Do you speak the gospel boldly and clearly?
- How do you respond to trials and weakness?
- Do you live with eternity in view?