

WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY

THE STRUGGLE CONTINUES

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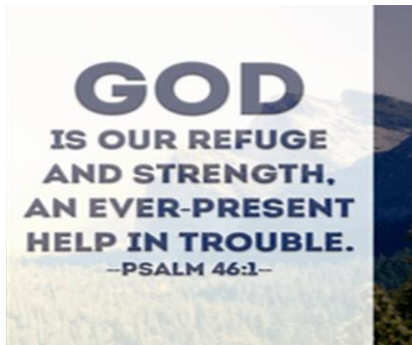
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*“Increasing Our Confidence
in God”*

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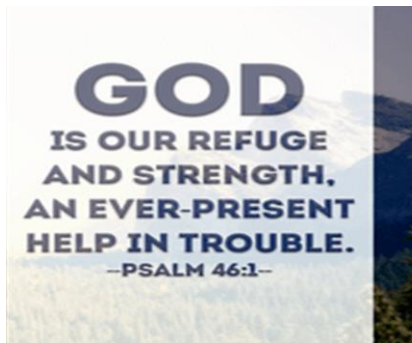
“Discovering God During Our Struggle”

REVIEW



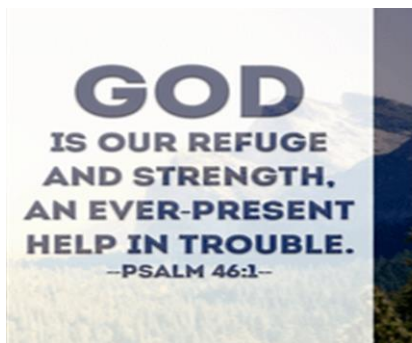
As a result, we are:

- Safe
- Secure
- Strong



As a result, I:

- Pray (Intentionally)
- Persevere (During the Struggle)
- Promote (The Kingdom of God)



As a result, I:

**AM ABLE TO CONQUER
MY FEARS!**

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TODAY'S LESSON
"Increasing Our Confidence in God"

As we embrace God's love given to us, our fears are removed!

Fear: An unpleasant emotion caused by the belief that someone or something is dangerous, likely to cause pain, or a threat.

Confidence: Developing a feeling or consciousness of God's powers afforded unto us.

GOAL: Increasing our confidence in God is obtained as we:

- A. Understand the Impact of God's love.
- B. Understand the influence of God's love.
- C. Understand the inspiration of God's love.

<p>The Description of God's love: <i>John 3:16</i></p> <p><i>Result</i> _____</p>	<p>The Analogy of God's love: <i>John 3:16</i></p> <p><i>Result</i> _____</p>
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GROUP EXERCISE

<p>1. What do you hear from God? (John 3:16)</p> <p>a) _____</p> <p>b) _____</p> <p>c) _____</p>	<p>2. What impact does 1 John 4:13-21 have on your understanding of God's love?</p> <p>a) _____</p> <p>b) _____</p> <p>c) _____</p>
<p>3. As a result of 1 John 4:13-21, what are you driven (influenced) to do differently?</p> <p>a) _____</p> <p>b) _____</p> <p>c) _____</p>	<p>4. What inspiration did you receive by reading 1 John 4:13-21?</p> <p>a) _____</p> <p>b) _____</p> <p>c) _____</p>

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**KEY WORDS THAT HAVE IMPACT ON INCREASING
OUR CONFIDENCE IN GOD**

To understand Fear: _____

To understand Transition: _____

TRANSITIONING BECAUSE OF GOD'S LOVE

I AM TRANSITIONING MY FEAR OF _____ INTO _____. How?

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____

MAKING PSALMS 107:2 A NEW PRACTICE (BEHAVIOR)

"Let the redeemed of the Lord say something"

EXERCISE

Create a brief statement that tells your story about God!

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TAKE-A-WAYS

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

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SCRIPTURE REFERENCES

John 3:16 New International Version (NIV)

¹⁶ For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

1 John 4:13-21 New International Version (NIV)

¹³ This is how we know that we live in him and he in us: He has given us of his Spirit.

¹⁴ And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world.

¹⁵ If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in them and they in God.

¹⁶ And so we know and rely on the love God has for us.

God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them.

¹⁷ This is how love is made complete among us so that we will have confidence on the day of judgment: In this world we are like Jesus.

¹⁸ There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love.

¹⁹ We love because he first loved us.

²⁰ Whoever claims to love God yet hates a brother or sister is a liar. For whoever does not love their brother and sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen.

²¹ And he has given us this command: Anyone who loves God must also love their brother and sister.

Psalms 107:2 New International Version (NIV)

² Let the redeemed of the LORD tell their story— those he redeemed from the hand of the foe