



- God has given you everything you **need** to make it through everything you **face**.

I can do everything through Christ, who gives me strength. Philippians 4:13 (NLT)

- Believers can know for certain that they have **eternal life**.

...we are fully confident, and we would rather be away from these earthly bodies, for then we will be at home with the Lord. 1 Corinthians 5:8 (NLT)

My purpose in writing is simply this: that you who believe in God's Son will know beyond the shadow of a doubt that you have eternal life, the reality and not the illusion. 1 John 5:13 (MSG)

- Assurance of eternal life **connects** us to **God** in this life.

Assurance with God comes from **intimacy** with Jesus.

#### **We know we're God's child when:**

- We believe that **Jesus** is the Son of God.

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has become a child of God... 1 John 5:1a (NLT)

- We love God by loving those in the **family**.

...And everyone who loves the Father loves his children, too. 1 John 5:1b (NLT)

- We willingly obey His **commandments**.

We know we love God's children if we love God and obey his commandments. Loving God means keeping his commandments, and his commandments are not burdensome. 1 John 5:2-3 (NLT)

Our assurance with God is **defined** by God and based on His **love**.

#### **Assurance gives us:**

- Strength to **overcome** this evil world.

For every child of God defeats this evil world, and we achieve this victory through our faith. And who can win this battle against the world? Only those who believe that Jesus is the Son of God. 1 John 5:4-5 (NLT)

...greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world. 1 John 4:4 (KJV)

- Confidence when we **pray**.

Know that the Lord has set apart the godly for Himself; the Lord will hear when I call to Him. Psalm 4:3 (NIV)

...we are confident that he hears us whenever we ask for anything that pleases him. And since we know he hears us when we make our requests, we also know that he will give us what we ask for. 1 John 5:14-15 (NLT)

- As a child, we always have the **ear** of our Father.

- He's always going to answer based on His **will** and our **faith**. But when you ask him, be sure that your faith is in God alone. Do not waver, for a person with divided loyalty is as unsettled as a wave of the sea that is blown and tossed by the wind. Such people should not expect to receive anything from the Lord. James 1:6-7 (NLT)

- As God's child, He always wants to **answer** our prayers.

- Protection in temptation and from **Satan**.

We know that God's children do not make a practice of sinning, for God's Son holds them securely, and the evil one cannot touch them. 1 John 5:18 (NLT)

- The ability to weather the **storms** of life.

We know that we are children of God and that the world around us is under the control of the evil one. And we know that the Son of God has come, and he has given us understanding so that we can know the true God... 1 John 5:19-20a (NLT)

Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled; do not be afraid. John 14:27 (NIV)

I have told you all this so that you may have peace in me. Here on earth you will have many trials and sorrows. But take heart, because I have overcome the world." John 16:33 (NLT)

...And now we live in fellowship with the true God because we live in fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ. He is the only true God, and he is eternal life. 1 John 5:20b (NLT)

#### **Application Steps:**

- Increase your **intimacy** with **Jesus**.
- Exercise your **faith** in God.



**TO CREATIVELY LOVE AND LEAD PEOPLE  
IN A GROWING RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS.**

#### **Questions for Connection Groups:**

*These questions also work well for personal time with God.*

- What scripture and/or point spoke most to you from the Talk on Sunday? Explain why?
- Why is it important to understand that God has given you everything you need to make it through everything you face?
- Why is assurance of eternal life important for believers? Do you ever doubt this promise for your life? Why?
- Why is it important to know what defines a child of God? What happens if we define what a child of God is?
- How does assurance give us strength to overcome this evil world? Do you experience this strength? Explain.
- How does assurance give us confidence when we pray? What do we have assurance of in praying? How do you reconcile asking God for something and knowing His will?
- How does assurance give us protection from Satan? How does this help us to thrive in life?
- How does assurance give us the ability to weather the storms? (What does that mean to you?) Read John 14:27; How would you describe the peace that Jesus gives to others?
- How can you increase intimacy with Jesus this week?
- How can you exercise your faith this week?

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