"GOD IS OUR CONFIDENCE" DEVOTIONAL & PRAYER

This week our prayer focuses on God Who is our *Confidence*. He is the One in Whom we can believe in, have assurance in and trust in.

It comes from our prayer verse, Psalm 71:4-5 "Rescue me, O my God, out of the hand of the wicked, out of the grasp of the wrongdoer and ruthless man, for You are my hope, O Lord God, *You are my confidence* from my youth."

Our encouragement from this Psalm that David wrote in his old age is that throughout all the trials David walked through in his life; the years Saul chased him to try and kill him, the years his own son (Absalom) turned against him to take his throne, the years his own advisors and friends turned against him and cursed him and all the other trials he faced; David never turned from God because He knew where his confidence rested and that was in God and God alone. Just as he knew His Heavenly Father was the only One Who could rescue him out of the hand of those who wished to harm him, we too can know that God alone is the only One Who can rescue us and our loved ones from those who wish to harm us. Just as David boldly approached the Father's throne in *confidence* asking for rescue from the wicked, we too can boldly approach our Father's throne in *confidence* and ask that He will rescue us and our loved ones out of the hands of the wicked. In *confidence*, we can ask the Lord that He will turn our hearts to Him so He can be our hope, the One we can believe in in all things in our lives. We can pray that we will have full assurance in Him and trust in Him with everything and rely completely in His faithfulness to us no matter what we see or what we hear. That just as David fully had confidence in His Faithful Father throughout his life, we too will have full confidence in that same Faithful Father Who loves us just as much as He loved David. So, let us boldly approach our Heavenly Father and rely on Him to do this great and redeeming work in our lives and the lives of our loved ones. Let us pray:

"Dear Heavenly Father, we humbly bow before Your throne in our hearts and praise You for being our *Confidence*. O Lord, please rescue us and...

(names of those you are praying for)

out of the hand of the wicked, out of the grasp of the wrongdoer and ruthless man. Be our hope, O Lord God, be our *confidence*, even from our youth. May we recognize our need for You and humble our hearts before your mighty throne. May our hope be in You all day long. Father, we were yours before we were ever anyone else's and we trust in You that You will do this for us as we humbly ask, all for the glory of Your name. In Your precious Son's name, Jesus, we pray, Amen.