

## The God Who Hears

### How To Develop Confidence In The God Who Hears

#### 1. See God first as \_\_\_\_\_

**1 John 4:8** *But anyone who does not love does not know God, for God is love.*

- You are love (*He is not just loving – He is love*)
- You love me
- You have proven your love for me by dying for me
- Love means you “will the good for me”
- That love extends to this very situation I’m facing now

*Because your love reaches here, I expect to see your activity in this situation. My confidence is in you and I am excited to see what you will do.*

**Psalm 23:6** *Surely your goodness and unfailing love will pursue me all the days of my life, and I will live in the house of the Lord forever.*

**What is the most stressful situation you are facing?**

**How much confidence do you have that you will see His activity?**

#### 2. \_\_\_\_\_

**Hebrews 4:16** *Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.*

**Key:** *Grace is Gods’ activity in my life doing what I cannot do*

**2 Corinthians 12:8-10** *Three different times I begged the Lord to take it away. Each time he said, “My grace is all you need. My power works best in weakness.” So now I am glad to boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ can work through me. That’s why I take pleasure in my weaknesses, and in the insults, hardships, persecutions, and troubles that I suffer for Christ. For when I am weak, then I am strong.*

[On the Road: Hope for the holidays](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VumKim-tWik)

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**2 Corinthians 1:8-9** *We were under great pressure, far beyond our ability to endure...But this happened that we might not rely on ourselves but on God, who raises the dead. He has delivered us...*

**2 Chronicles 16:7** *Because you depended on the king of Aram and have not depended on the LORD your God, the army of the king of Aram has escaped from your hand.*

**Matthew 7:11** *So if you sinful people know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give good gifts to those who ask him.*

**2 Chronicles 14:11** *“O Lord,” he cried out to God, “no one else can help us! Here we are, powerless against this mighty army. Oh, help us, Lord our God! For we trust in you alone to rescue us, and in your name we attack this vast horde.”*

**Matthew 9:29** *Then he touched their eyes and said, “According to your faith will it be done to you.”*

**James 5:17-18** *Elijah was as human as we are, and yet when he prayed earnestly that no rain would fall, none fell for the next three and a half years! Then he prayed for rain, and down it poured. The grass turned green, and the crops began to grow again.*

**Mark 11:23-24** *“I tell you the truth, if anyone says to this mountain, ‘Go throw yourself into the sea,’ and does not doubt in his heart but believes that what he says will happen, it will be done for him. Therefore, I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.”*

*...all of life is a test. You are always being tested. God constantly watches your response to people, problems, success, conflict, illness, disappointment and even the weather!...You will be tested by major changes, delayed promises, impossible problems, unanswered prayers, undeserved criticism, and even senseless tragedies... When you understand that life is a test, you realize that nothing is insignificant in your life. Rick Warren*