

Think It Over: This section is about turning what God is saying to you into action steps. These talking points, questions, and scriptures are designed to help you take your own next step. If you are leading a group through this guide, don't feel like you have to answer every question. Pick out those questions that will stir up conversation and action among your group.

- How have you seen in the life of others, or maybe in your own life, the effect of overconfidence? Author Malcolm Gladwell writes: "Incompetence annoys, overconfidence terrifies!" Read about his idea at: <https://blogs.sas.com/content/sascom/2013/07/04/malcolm-gladwell-incompetence-annoys-overconfidence-terrifies/> (link also posted on our Facebook page on Sunday)

The word terrifies may seem strong. How would you argue it might not be strong enough? How does this all translate into our spiritual life, our relationship with God? How do Christ followers show an overconfidence or contempt for God's grace? Review 1 Corinthians 10:12 MSG. How does this show up in the culture of our country today?

- Review each ➤ bullet in the *Overconfidence based on God's goodness* section. How can each of the blessings become a source of careless overconfidence? When have you see each one of these areas overplayed, causing major difficulties in life? What happened? What did it take to make it right? Was it even possible to make it right? Can you think of a time when you realized that overconfidence put you to close to danger or in danger? What did you do?
- Why is it easy to take God's goodness for granted? How have you seen Christ followers become careless with options in life due to God's goodness? Which of the four areas Dave talked about do you have to watch out for? Are there any others you would add to the list? How is Samson's life (see Judges 13-16) a warning to us regarding living poorly with options?
- Read 1 Corinthians 10:6-13. Where do you anticipate "Part 3B: Overconfidence" going as we look at: *Overconfidence expressed through risky behavior*?

Next Steps: How will you live in the tension of the bottom line: *Confidence in God renews, while overconfidence in self ruins*? Explain what practical steps you can take to keep a healthy confidence in God without allowing it to migrate to an unhealthy overconfidence in self.

Changing Your Mind: Choose one of the verses listed in the Message Guide and commit it to heart.



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- Options**
- Commandments
 - Convictions
 - Conscience
 - Conjecture
 - Choices

Looking at it one way, you could say, "Anything goes. Because of God's immense generosity and grace, we don't have to dissect and scrutinize every action to see if it will pass muster." But the point is not to just get by.
1 Corinthians 10:23 MSG

¹²*Don't be so naive and self-confident. You're not exempt. You could fall flat on your face as easily as anyone else. Forget about self-confidence; it's useless. Cultivate God-confidence.*
1 Corinthians 10:12 MSG

➤ **Overconfidence based on God's goodness**

¹*For I do not want you to be ignorant of the fact, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud and that they all passed through the sea. ²They were all baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea. ³They all ate the same spiritual food ⁴and drank the same spiritual drink; for they drank from the spiritual rock that accompanied them, and that rock was Christ.*
1 Corinthians 10:1-4 NIV page 798

➤ **Freed to Follow (10:1)**

²¹*The Lord led the way. During the day, he used a tall cloud to lead the people. And during the night, he used a tall column of fire to lead the way. This fire gave them light so that they could also travel at night.*
Exodus 13:21 ERV

⁵*God is keeping careful watch over us and the future. The Day is coming when you'll have it all—life healed and whole.*
1 Peter 1:5 MSG

➤ Rescued to Race (10:1)

³May God the Father and our Lord Jesus Christ give you grace and peace. ⁴We know the meaning of those words because Jesus Christ rescued us from this evil world we're in by offering himself as a sacrifice for our sins. God's plan is that we all experience that rescue.
Galatians 1:3-4 NLT, MSG

²⁴Isn't it obvious that all runners on the racetrack keep on running to win, but only one receives the victor's prize? Yet each one of you must run the race to be victorious. ²⁵A true athlete will be disciplined in every respect, practicing constant self-control in order to win a laurel wreath that quickly withers. But we run our race to win a victor's crown that will last forever.
1 Corinthians 9:24–25 TPT

²⁶I don't know about you, but I'm running hard for the finish line. I'm giving it everything I've got. No sloppy living for me! ²⁷I'm staying alert and in top condition. I'm not going to get caught napping, telling everyone else all about it and then missing out myself.
1 Corinthians 9:26–27 MSG

➤ Identity in Immanuel (10:2)

³Did you forget that all of us became part of Christ Jesus when we were baptized? In our baptism we shared in his death. ⁴So when we were baptized, we were buried with Christ and took part in his death. And just as Christ was raised from death by the wonderful power of the Father, so we can now live a new life.
Romans 6:3-4 ERV

³⁰Everything that we have—right thinking and right living, a clean slate and a fresh start—comes from God by way of Jesus Christ.
1 Corinthians 1:30 MSG

¹¹It's in Christ that we find out who we are and what we are living for. Long before we first heard of Christ and got our hopes up, he had his eye on us, had designs on us for glorious living, ¹²part of the overall purpose he is working out in everything and everyone.
Ephesians 1:11–12 MSG

➤ Sustained to Satisfy (10:3-4)

³²Jesus responded, "The real significance of that Scripture is not that Moses gave you bread from heaven but that my Father is right now offering you bread from heaven, the real bread. ³³The Bread of God came down out of heaven and is giving life to the world." ³⁴They jumped at that: "Master, give us this bread, now and forever!"
John 6:31–34 MSG

³⁴Jesus said, "The food that keeps me going is that I do the will of the One who sent me, finishing the work he started. ³⁵...Look, I tell you, lift up your eyes, and see that the fields are white for harvest.
John 4:34-35 MSG, ESV

²¹Become the kind of container God can use to present any and every kind of gift to his guests for their blessing. ²²Stay away from the evil things a young person like you typically wants to do. Do your best to live right and to have faith, love, and peace, together with others who trust in the Lord with pure hearts. 2 Timothy 2:21-22 MSG, ERV

➤ Overconfidence expressed
through risky behavior

⁵But just experiencing God's wonder and grace didn't seem to mean much—most of them were defeated by temptation during the hard times in the desert, and God was not pleased. ⁶ The same thing could happen to us. We must be on guard so that we never get caught up in wanting our own way as they did. 1 Corinthians 10:5–6 MSG

Bottom Line:

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while overconfidence in self ruins.

Resources for this message include material from Grace Community Church, Mecklenburg Community Church, & Summit Church.

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