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## Praying with Confidence

### 1 John 5:14-15

*For the Christ follower, one of the purposes of scripture is to provide us with some assurances in the face of all the doubts this life and this world throw at us. While the world continues to be wrong over and over again, the \_\_\_\_\_ of scripture has stood the test of time.*

**Discussion 1. Share about a time or circumstance in your life when you needed some spiritual assurance that only your faith could provide. What role did scripture play in providing that assurance?**

*Intellectual doubts about our faith are a normal part of being human; the way forward through those doubts is to focus on our \_\_\_\_\_ with Christ rather than on the trappings of our religion.*

**Discussion 2. How do you assess the quality of a relationship in your life? How does that help you assess the quality of your relationship with Christ? Why is that important?**

*The more time we spend in communion with God, the deeper our walk with Him and the better we come to understand His will. This is the source of our \_\_\_\_\_ when we pray.*

**Discussion 3. Praying what we know to be God's will gives us confidence when we pray. But how do you come to a clearer and clearer understanding of God's will? What kinds of spiritual disciplines help you with that?**

*Confidence in prayer is not a confidence that I can persuade God to give me what I want. It is a humble, \_\_\_\_\_ that comes from a growing faith and a deepening understanding of Who God is and what He wants for me.*

**Discussion 4. Do you think it is possible to be confident and humble at the same time? If so, how does that work for you in prayer? How can we have both in the same prayer?**