

(Deeann asked me to do this month's page & I did. *Bill Vollinger*)

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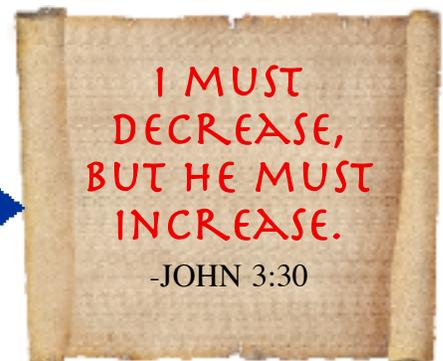
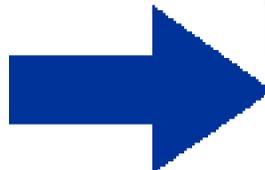
“Glory & Confidence”

As our own Greg Pascuzzi once said:



Most musicians I know combine arrogance and insecurity. But a few combine confidence and humility.

Greg said this in reference to this gentleman, **Phil Smith**, first trumpet in the NY **Phil**harmonic. Greg introduced me to Phil after a concert. I told him what a great witness he is to Jesus on and off stage. His response was “**Jesus kicks me in the rear end a lot.**” (Which was confirmed when a friend of mine told me how she thought he did seem a bit arrogant many years ago.) That would have to mean that Phil Smith must be changing and growing, **just like you and me.** Or as John the Baptist once said:



But since the title of

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is *“Glory & Confidence”*

let's move to the other end of the spectrum from **humility** to **glory**

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Different people have different ideas about what **glory** is.

For pharaohs
it's big statues...



For musicians it's
standing ovations.



But for St Paul
that's all
just a lot of...
(cf. Philippians 3)

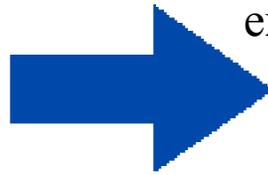
That's because there's only one **REAL** glory...

GOD'S!

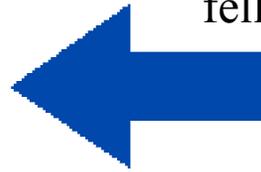




No other glory exists
except **ONE** glory:
GOD'S glory.
Anything else is
merely counterfeit.
And that's a crime.



But good news,
fellow counterfeiters,
we can grow
IN God's glory,
in **Jesus...**



**BUT WE ALL, WITH OPEN
FACE BEHOLDING AS IN A
GLASS THE GLORY OF THE
LORD, ARE CHANGED
INTO THE SAME IMAGE
FROM GLORY TO GLORY,
EVEN AS BY THE SPIRIT
OF THE LORD.**

-II CORINTHIANS 3:18



Paul Kiler: Self-Portrait in Christ's Image

which is why **JSB** wrote...



A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'JSB'.

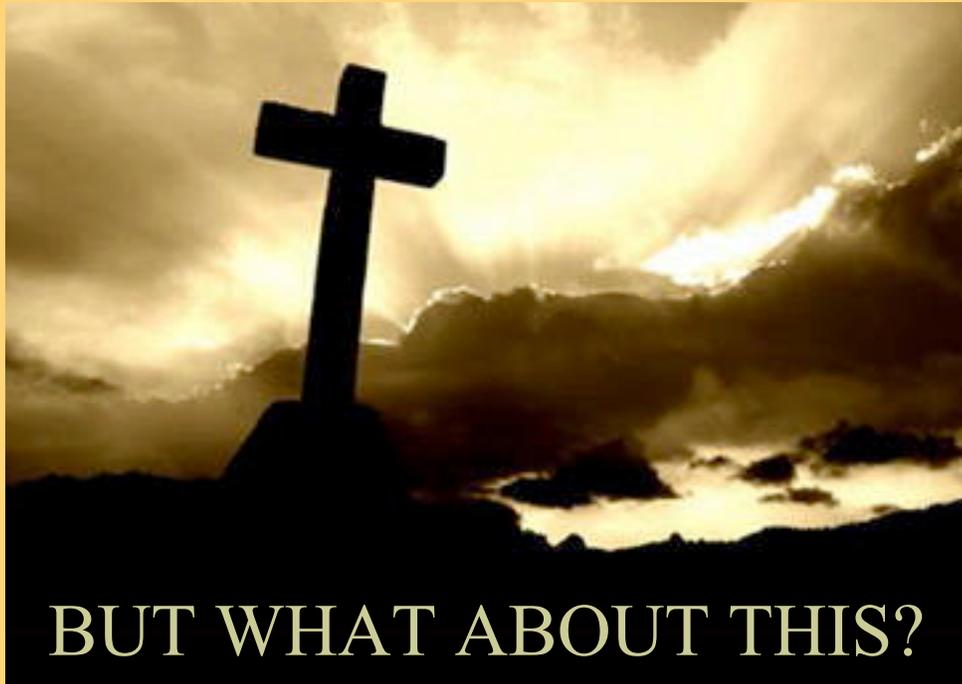
(**S**oli **D**eo **G**loria)
(“only to the glory of God”)

...on all his manuscripts,
because he knew better & was a **C.F.A.M.C.**
(***C**hristian **F**ellow **A**nd **M**ost **C**ool*)

**And in case you haven't noticed,
when you're looking at your shadow,
you're not looking at the Light.**

SCIENTIFIC FACT





BUT WHAT ABOUT THIS?

As our own Jesus once said:

If you lose your life
for my sake
you'll find it.



BUT WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?!



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THIS?

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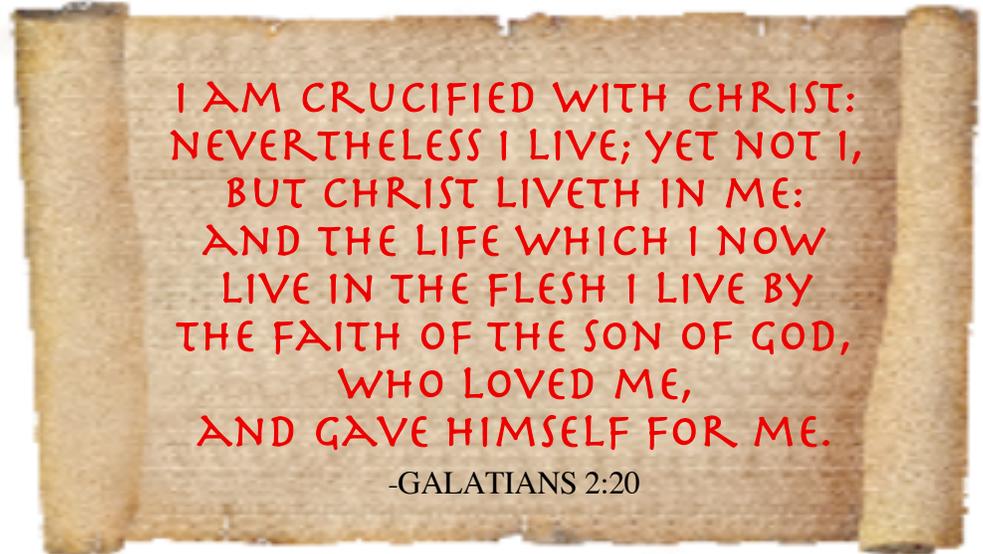
IT'S THIS!



Humility isn't putting yourself down.

Humility is putting yourself ASIDE.

It leads to a new life: JESUS' life in YOU.



But what about *Confidence* ?

It IS very important. But where do you get it?

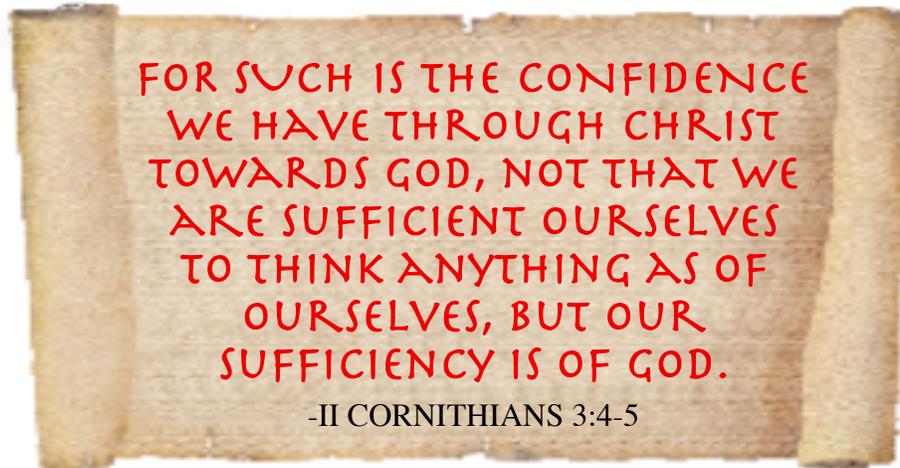
Maybe you've tried some of those self-help books...



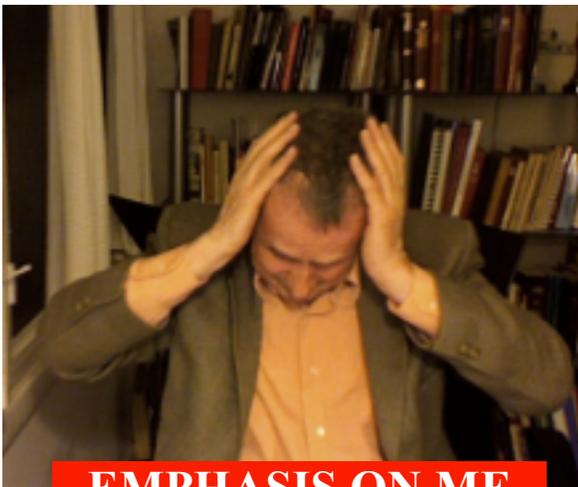


NO!

It's important to be **GOD**-confident!



I used to say the end of the above verse like this...



EMPHASIS ON ME

But now I say the end of the above verse like this...



EMPHASIS ON GOD

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!**

I finally realized that it wasn't that I **shouldn't** be self-confident, but that I **can't** be self-confident.

In other words it just won't work.

It's like this...

MULTIPLE CHOICE QUESTION:

Which is the better place to build your house on?

1.



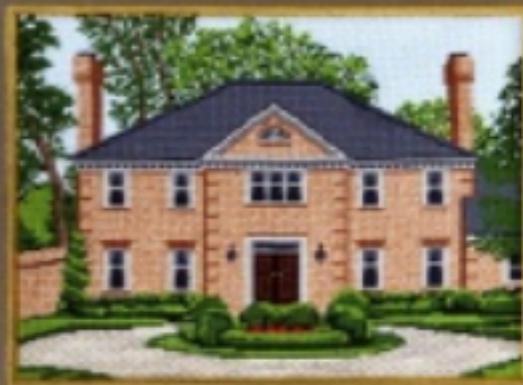
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2.

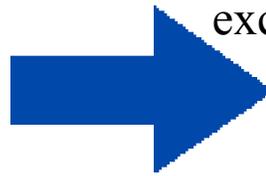


ON ROCK

ANSWER KEY: #2



YOU ARE A HOUSE WHICH GOD BUILT.
BUT GOD NEEDS TO BE YOUR FOUNDATION.

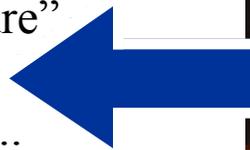


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And that's a crime.

But good news, fellow counterfeiters,
if you're feeling "arrogant and insecure"
instead of "humble and confident",
we can all grow in **GOD**-confidence...



Hello
again!

CAST NOT AWAY YOUR CONFIDENCE,
WHICH HAS GREAT RECOMPENSE OF REWARD,
FOR YOU HAVE NEED OF PATIENCE,
THAT HAVING DONE THE WILL OF GOD
YOU MAY OBTAIN THE PROMISE.

-HEBREWS 10:35



So then there is
something that I'm
supposed to do?

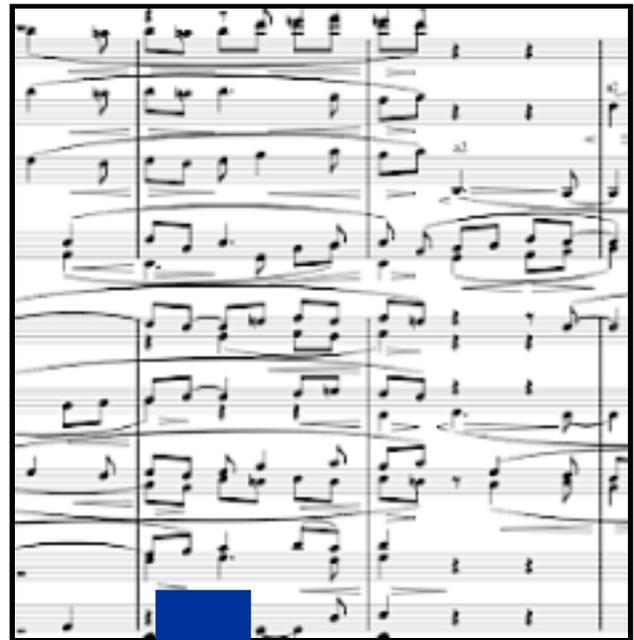
YES!

But whether you do this:

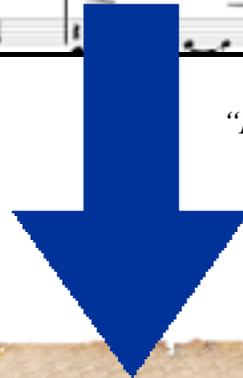


(our own Adam Sovkoplas does both of the above.)

Or whether you do this:



(from Allen Brings' "Psalterium Davidicum")



WHATSOEVER YOU DO,
DO IT HEARTILY
TO THE LORD,
AND NOT UNTO MEN.

-COLOSSIANS 3:23

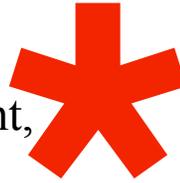
& REMEMBER...



You are equal,



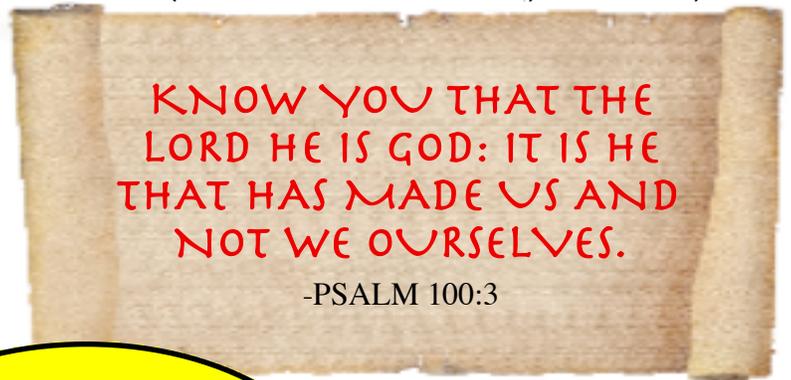
You are important,



because God made you.



(You didn't make yourself.)



I know all that, but sometimes life still gets hard.

As our own Jesus once said:

With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.



ONLY BELIEVE.

