“This guarded soul, so carefully indwelt and tended by Jesus, is a fortress of truth we access despite any physical circumstances or emotional instability. In this fortress, we are guarded by Christ’s righteousness, peace, hope, power, and His crucified life. When we forget this reality, we fall back into the default modes of condemnation, anxiety, hopelessness, weakness, and self-absorption. *We need a different narrative than this.*”

– Guarded by Christ

Write what words come to mind when you think about God? Or what words would describe how God feels about you?

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“What comes into our minds when we think about God is the most important thing about us.” – A.W. Tozer

Why is this true?

Guilt and Shame are like ____________________________________________

The enemy whispers: ______________________________________________

Jesus whispers: __________________________________________________

What does God say about us (YOU) in each verse?

• Isaiah 43:1
• Isaiah 49:10
• Isaiah 61:6-7
• Isaiah 61:10
• Jeremiah 29:11
• Jeremiah 31:3
• John 1:12
• Romans 8:-2
• 1 John 1:8-9
• 1 John 3:1-2
Righteousness means to be ____________________________________

When we live in the truth of being covered, robed and protected in the righteousness of Christ, we live in **victory over the enemy!**

What’s your catapult picture?

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Side one:
- Write what you feel guilty about and/or ashamed of
- Write: *Covered by His Righteousness* over the words you wrote, use a colored marker

Side two
- Choose one verse from the list in Further Study below
- Write and Personalize it
- Bring it to someone for prayer

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**Further Study**

Read each verse in its context as listed. Write what the verses are saying about **confidence**.

*All written verses below are from the Amplified Version of the Bible*

**Psalm 27:1-5**

3 Though an army encamp against me, my heart will not fear; though war arise against me, even in this I am confident. 4 One thing I have asked of the *Lord*, and that I will seek: That I may dwell in the house of the *Lord* [in His presence] all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty [the delightful loveliness and majestic grandeur] of the *Lord* and to meditate in His temple.
Proverbs 3:21-26
26 For the LORD will be your confidence, firm and strong, and will keep your foot from being caught [in a trap].

Proverbs 14:26-27
26 In the [reverent] fear of the LORD there is strong confidence, and His children will [always] have a place of refuge. 27 The [reverent] fear of the LORD [that leads to obedience and worship] is a fountain of life, so that one may avoid the snares of death.

Isaiah 30:9-15a
15 For the Lord GOD, the Holy One of Israel has said this, “In returning [to Me] and rest you shall be saved, In quietness and confident trust is your strength.”

Isaiah 32:15-18
17 And the effect of righteousness will be peace, and the result of righteousness will be quietness and confident trust forever.

John 16:23-33
33 I have told you these things, so that in Me you may have [perfect] peace. In the world you have tribulation and distress and suffering, but be courageous [be confident, be undaunted, be filled with joy]; I have overcome the world.” [My conquest is accomplished, My victory abiding.]

2 Corinthians 5:1-10
6 So then, being always filled with good courage and confident hope, and knowing that while we are at home in the body we are absent from the Lord—7 for we walk by faith, not by sight [living our lives in a manner consistent with our confident belief in God’s promises]—8 we are [as I was saying] of good courage and confident hope, and prefer rather to be absent from the body and to be at home with the Lord.

Ephesians 3:8-21
11 This is in accordance with [the terms of] the eternal purpose which He carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, 12 in whom we have boldness and confident access through faith in Him [that is, our faith gives us sufficient courage to freely and openly approach God through Christ].

Philippians 1:2-10
6 I am convinced and confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will [continue to] perfect and complete it until the day of Christ Jesus [the time of His return].

Hebrews 3:1-19
6 ... Christ is faithful as a Son over His [Father’s] house. And we are His house if we hold fast our confidence and sense of triumph in our hope [in Christ].
Hebrews 4:1-16
15 For we do not have a High Priest who is unable to sympathize and understand our weaknesses and temptations, but One who has been tempted [knowing exactly how it feels to be human] in every respect as we are, yet without [committing any] sin. 16 Therefore let us [with privilege] approach the throne of grace [that is, the throne of God’s gracious favor] with confidence and without fear, so that we may receive mercy [for our failures] and find [His amazing] grace to help in time of need [an appropriate blessing, coming just at the right moment].

1 Peter 3:8-18
15 But in your hearts set Christ apart [as holy—acknowledging Him, giving Him first place in your lives] as Lord. Always be ready to give a [logical] defense to anyone who asks you to account for the hope and confident assurance [elicited by faith] that is within you, yet [do it] with gentleness and respect.

1 John 2:15-29
27 As for you, the anointing [the special gift, the preparation] which you received from Him remains [permanently] in you, and you have no need for anyone to teach you. But just as His anointing teaches you [giving you insight through the presence of the Holy Spirit] about all things, and is true and is not a lie, and just as His anointing has taught you, you must remain in Him [being rooted in Him, knit to Him]. 28 Now, little children (believers, dear ones), remain in Him [with unwavering faith], so that when He appears [at His return], we may have [perfect] confidence and not be ashamed and shrink away from Him at His coming.

1 John 3:13-24
21 Beloved, if our heart does not convict us [of guilt], we have confidence [complete assurance and boldness] before God; 22 and we receive from Him whatever we ask because we [carefully and consistently] keep His commandments and do the things that are pleasing in His sight [habitually seeking to follow His plan for us].

1 John 5:1-15
14 This is the [remarkable degree of] confidence which we [as believers are entitled to] have before Him: that [if we ask anything according to His will, [that is, consistent with His plan and purpose] He hears us. 15 And if we know [for a fact, as indeed we do] that He hears and listens to us in whatever we ask, we [also] know [with settled and absolute knowledge] that we have [granted to us] the requests which we have asked from Him.