

# Faith Talk - September 06, 2026

**Series:** 1 John- Life in the Light and Love of God

**Sermon:** Chase after the heart of God

**Scripture:** 1 John 5:18-21

**Key Verse:** "And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us understanding so that we may know the true one. We are in the true one—that is, in his Son, Jesus Christ. He is the true God and eternal life." 1 John 5:20

## Sermon Summary

Today's sermon was focused on the final verses of 1 John. John wants his audience to remember everything he has said so far, so these final verses are summative of the letter as a whole. Tim presented the main idea as: We must confidently chase after the heart of God. John knows that there are going to be moments in our life where our confidence can be undermined, but nothing should ever undermine the security and assurance of our life with God—no scheme of man, no work of the enemy, and no idol of the heart can undermine the true knowledge of God through the Son.

### Key Points

- We have spiritual confidence in the work of the Son
- We have spiritual confidence because God claims us as his own
- We have spiritual confidence because through Christ there is access to the Father

## Discussion Questions

### For Adults

In what ways do you sometimes feel like you lack confidence in faith?

Is your "chase after God" focused or do you feel distracted in this current season? What keeps you focused? What distracts you?

Is there something, someone, or some desire that is constantly nagging at your heart that pulls you away from God?

### For Students

What does confidence in faith look like?

How can you continue to be focused on God during this season? What distractions must you be watchful of in your life?

Idols have a way of sneaking into our lives. What idols are recurring in your life?

### **For Kids**

What is confidence? What does it mean to be confident in God?

What happened when we lose our confidence? How can we get it back?

Why does sin affect our confidence in God?

## **Closing Prayer**

Dear God, our faith is strongest when we rely on you. Thank you for your continued provision in this life. Thank you that we have access to you through Christ. Thank you for the ongoing protection you give to us. Thank you for limiting the enemy in this world.

As we go about our lives, help us live in the confidence of God and to continue chasing after you. As we reflect on distractions and idols, will you, through the Holy Spirit, convict us and point out the idols that we protect sometimes?

You are a good God and we are so blessed to have and know you as Father. Give us this day our daily bread, Amen.