

I Will Trust in the Lord

Lesson 8

CONFIDENCE IN YOUR PASTOR

II Corinthians 1:12-22

The Apostle Paul was an overseer to many churches. His care and concern for the people of God is noted in many of his epistles. He writes with the heart of a pastor to churches in several locations. The Bible records Paul's messages to the church at Rome, Corinth, Ephesus, Philippi, Colosse, and Thessalonica. In these letters the Apostle mentions his working with churches in Athens, Achaia, Macedonia, Antioch and Jerusalem to name a few. These churches had confidence in their Pastor Paul and he had confidence in the people.

Like Paul, I have a heart for you Community, a church I have always loved and supported. For 22 years God has given me the privilege to pastor this great church. I have the utmost confidence in you and you have proven that you have confidence in me. As I prepare to step down from the office of pastor, I want to say Thank You for your love, support, sacrifice, faithfulness and generosity to this ministry. Our church has become one of the leading Churches of God in this nation. Our pastor select Dr. Kevin Wesley Early, Sr. is a leader in the Reformation Movement. His legacy and Community's legacy will continue to make us a leading church in our country.

Our text suggests three things that enabled the Church at Corinth to have confidence in Pastor Paul. I believe that these things are relevant to our ministry at Community Church.

- I. They Possessed Integrity in their Planning. (vs. 12-14)
 - A. Pastor and people trusted one another
 - B. Pastor and people triumphed together
- II. They Intentionally filled their Purpose. (vs. 15-18)
 - A. To be Faithful to the Master
 - B. To be Fruitful in ministry
- III. They were Instruments of His Promise. (vs. 19-22)
 - A. We are to be established in Christ
 - B. We will exalt Jesus Christ