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**A Quiet
Confidence**

Isaiah 30:15

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- On November 22nd, 1873, Horatio Spafford passed over the place in the Atlantic ocean where his four daughters had drowned when their ship was struck by an iron sailing ship just a few days before
 - There was grief and sorrow in his heart so very deep
 - He went back to his cabin and pinned these words

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- It Is Well With My Soul

When peace like a river, attendeth my way
When sorrows like sea billows roll
Whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say
It is well, it is well, with my soul
It is well
With my soul
It is well, it is well with my soul

- What do you hear in those words?

- Do you hear someone questioning his God's love, capabilities, plan?
- Do you hear someone throwing up their hands and walking away from God because it did not match his assumptions?

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- It Is Well With My Soul
 - I hear a Quiet Confidence in the middle of his anguish, pain, confusion
 - This is a man who is living Paul's words in **Romans 8:37 NIV**, "No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us."
- It is the same quiet confidence you see Jesus
 - **Matthew 4:11 NIV**, Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"
 - **Luke 4:28-30 NIV**, 28 All the people in the synagogue were furious when they heard this. 29 They got up, drove him out of the town, and took him to the brow of the hill on which the town was built, in order to throw him off the cliff. 30 But he walked right through the crowd and went on his way.

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- It Is Well With My Soul
 - Listen Christian, A Quiet Confidence is where God desire to take you as well
 - A consistent life of quiet confidence
 - From this will flow peace that is unexplainable, a joy that is unspeakable and full of glory, a life filled with the presence of God
- God tells us how we can get there and what hinders that progression by listening to His Words to Israel

Scripture

- **Isaiah 30:15 NIV**, This is what the Sovereign Lord, the Holy One of Israel, says: “In repentance and rest is your salvation, in quietness and trust (*Confidence*) is your strength, but you would have none of it.”

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- The nation of Assyria has wiped out the northern nation called Israel and has conquered the fortified cities of Judah except the capitol city of Jerusalem
 - Will the people trust in their God or not?
 - Will they return to God and be obedient to His Word?
 - **Isaiah 30:1-2 NIV**, “Woe to the obstinate (*rebellious*) children,” declares the Lord, “to those who carry out plans that are not mine, forming an alliance, but not by my Spirit, heaping sin upon sin; 2 who go down to Egypt without consulting me; who look for help to Pharaoh’s protection, to Egypt’s shade for refuge.”

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- The nation of Assyria has wiped out the northern nation called Israel and has conquered the fortified cities of Judah except the capitol city of Jerusalem
 - **Isaiah 30:9-11 NIV**, 9 For these are rebellious people, deceitful children, children unwilling to listen to the Lord's instruction. 10 They say to the seers, "See no more visions!" and to the prophets, "Give us no more visions of what is right! Tell us pleasant things, prophesy illusions. 11 Leave this way, get off this path, and stop confronting us with the Holy One of Israel!"
 - **MSG**, Tell us what makes us feel better. Don't bore us with obsolete religion. That stuff means nothing to us. Quit hounding us with The Holy of Israel."

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- Is it safe to say they were not experiencing a quiet confidence in their God
- God's desire for them is the same for you today
- He shows us the road back to a Quiet Confidence

Hear God say to them, “Your salvation (*rescue*) requires you to turn back to me and stop your silly efforts to save yourselves”

- How did Israel get here?
 - **Isaiah 29:13 NIV**, The Lord says: “These people come near to me with their mouth and honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. Their worship of me is based on merely human rules they have been taught.”
 - **2nd Timothy 3:5 NIV**, “having a form (*an outward display*) of godliness but denying its power”
 - **AMP**, [for their conduct nullifies their claim of faith]
 - No relationship with God, No Honor of God, No trust in God
 - No Blessing from God

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- What is the answer?
 - **NIV**, “In repentance and rest is your salvation”
- In Hebrew repentance literally means return, as if turning back to something you've strayed or looked away from
 - What happens when you look away while driving a car?
 - Thank God for rumble strips....
 - What do you do when you hear the rumble strips?
 - God’s word is the rumble strips of our lives

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- **NIV**, “In repentance and rest is your salvation”
 - In Hebrew rest literally means to stop or to abide or rest in
 - One of the hardest and most unnerving things to do is to try and make important decisions without having all the information
 - I believe God gives us the ability to reason and freedom to exercise free-will in our decisions
 - This will be successful only if we are seeking God and learning His ways and imitating them in our lives
 - **John 5:19 NIV**, Jesus gave them this answer: “Very truly I tell you, the Son can do nothing by himself; he can do only what he sees his Father doing, because whatever the Father does the Son also does.”

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- **NIV**, “In repentance and rest is your salvation”
 - But there will be times when we can be paralyzed with uncertainty
 - We must learn to dwell in the uncertainty through faith in our Loving Heavenly Father, Provision made by Jesus, Word, Holy Spirit living inside us
 - We don’t wear ourselves out seeking answers—please put Google Down
 - We don’t worry we will miss something or get something wrong
 - We have stepped into a place only God should be, and we wonder why we are struggling
 - Trust Him and let Him show you the way in His time

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- **NIV**, “In repentance and rest is your salvation”
- In Hebrew salvation literally means "relief" in the sense of being rescued from an enemy, trouble or illness
 - Something happens when we have trained ourselves to rest in Him – salvation or relief comes into our circumstances
 - You may not have all the answers, but you have God
 - You may not see what you expect, but you have God
 - You will not be in control, but you have God
 - And when you have God, you have all you need
- This was true for the Ancients, it is still true today, and still will be tomorrow

Hear God say to them, “Your strength will come from settling down in complete dependence on me”

- **NIV**, “in quietness and trust (*Confidence*) is your strength”
- The Nation of Israel felt weak and unable to cope with Assyria
 - They were to the point they would give away everything to have confidence in the peace of Jerusalem
 - They ran to Egypt without consulting God
 - They choose to trust in the strength of Egypt rather than God
 - They thought they knew Egypt’s strength and allegiance but did not
 - They were all in with Egypt but still no confidence
 - God is asking them, “Do you want true peace? Do you want true confidence?”

Hear God say to them, “Your strength will come from settling down in complete dependence on me”

- **NIV**, “in quietness and trust (*Confidence*) is your strength”
 - Settle yourself down or stop running from one expert to another
 - Put your complete dependence on me
 - Your true peace is tied to your confidence in me
- The Hebrew word dependence literally means, to hang (*if I depend on something, I hang or hinge on it*)
- Where have you been hanging?
- God promises His strength will come to you when you have learned to have complete trust in Him

Hear God say, “But this is the very thing you’ve been unwilling to do”

- This is where God gets to meddling and brings honesty into our lives
- God is not criticizing your effort to learn to walk in confidence in Him
 - **Psalm 103:13-14 NIV**, 13 As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear him; 14 for he knows how we are formed, he remembers that we are dust.
- **NIV**, “but you would have none of it”
 - **ESV**, “But you were unwilling”

Hear God say, “But this is the very thing you’ve been unwilling to do”

- **ESV**, “But you were unwilling”
 - Unwilling to do what?
 - **Psalm 46:10 AMP**, He says, “Be still and know (recognize, understand) that I am God.”
 - **Isaiah 30:11b MSG**, “Tell us what makes us feel better. Don’t bore us with obsolete religion. That stuff means nothing to us. Quit hounding us with The Holy of Israel.”

Hear God say, “But this is the very thing you’ve been unwilling to do”

- **ESV**, “But you were unwilling”
 - **Hebrews 4:12 NIV**, For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.

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- **ESV**, “But you were unwilling”
 - **2nd Timothy 3:16-17 AMP**, 16 All Scripture is God-breathed [given by divine inspiration] and is profitable for instruction, for conviction [of sin], for correction [of error and restoration to obedience], for training in righteousness [learning to live in conformity to God’s will, both publicly and privately—behaving honorably with personal integrity and moral courage]; 17 so that the man of God may be complete and proficient, outfitted and thoroughly equipped for every good work.
 - Confident in His Heavenly Father
 - Confident in His character, commands, love, presence, direction

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- **ESV**, “But you were unwilling”
 - Do you want a feel-good religion?
 - Or do you want a relationship with God that promises to equip you for everything that comes into your life?

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- What is your Assyria? Put a name on it
- How have you been handling your Assyria?
 - Have you prayed for God to conquer your Assyria or change you through it?
- How has your Assyria been affecting you?
 - Do you feel weak and incomplete?
 - **2nd Corinthians 12:8-10 NIV**, 8 Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. 9 But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ’s power may rest on me. 10 That is why, for Christ’s sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

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- What is your next step with your Assyria?
 - **Psalm 5:3 NIV**, In the morning, Lord, you hear my voice; in the morning I lay my requests before you and wait expectantly.
 - **TPT**, At each and every sunrise you will hear my voice as I prepare my sacrifice of prayer to you. Every morning I lay out the pieces of my life on the altar and wait for your fire to fall upon my heart.
- We have an alter here
 - God is here
 - The only thing missing is you

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