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WORSHIP: THE CROWN JEWEL

"Worship Abba ... Confidently"

(Romans 8:28; Philippians 4:19; Ephesians 3:16,19; Philippians 1:6)

Intro ... Let me begin today's message by telling you a story ...

A MODERN-DAY PARABLE

- The Miraculous **MONEY** Manager -

It goes like this:

Once there was a man who had an almost miraculous financial manager handling all his investments: His *'Portfolio.'*

This financial manager had a winning strategy for every conceivable economic situation.

Whenever the stock market rose quickly,
His clients would *'make a killing.'*

Whenever the stock market experienced
a major correction or even a *'crash,'*
His clients would *'make a killing.'*

Even when the stock market hit the doldrums and
just hovered around the same level for months on end,
His clients would *'make a killing.'*

He was truly a *'Miraculous Financial Manager.'*

Now suppose you were one of His Clients and every dime you possessed, you placed under His Management,

You open up the paper one morning and read:

"The Stock Market set a new record high yesterday."

HOW DO YOU FEEL?

You feel great because you know that with your financial manager handling your investments: **"YOU MADE A KILLING!"**

Now suppose you open that paper some days later and read:

"Yesterday the Stock Market suffered the greatest decline since the Great Crash of 1929 on Black Friday!"

HOW DO YOU FEEL?

You feel great because you know that with your financial manager handling your investments: **"YOU MADE A KILLING!"**

Now months and months later, you open the paper and read:

"The stock market has been stuck in the doldrums for the past six months. There has been no significant movement in either direction."

HOW DO YOU FEEL?

You feel great because you know that with your financial manager handling your investments: **"YOU MADE A KILLING!"**

In every one of those vastly different scenarios, your miraculous financial manager has employed a most successful strategy.

HOW WOULD YOU FEEL ABOUT YOUR FINANCIAL FUTURE?

Hopefully ... **EXTREMELY CONFIDENT!**

Well, what is the point of this parable and application?

The point (if you haven't guessed it already) is found in ...

TODAY'S KEY INSIGHT ...

Your Abba Father is your miraculous **LIFE MANAGER**.
He has a **WINNING STRATEGY** for everything that comes along!

And that **Key Insight** gives rise to ...

TODAY'S KEY WORSHIP ATTITUDE ...

*"Worship Abba ... **CONFIDENTLY!**"*

CONFIDENTLY ...

*'With a sense of **CERTAINTY** -
With a spirit of positive **EXPECTATION!***

The '**Flip-Side**' is to say: With no **DOUBTS** or **WORRIES**.

Now, in a world where 'Curveballs' can be thrown at us nearly every day ... In a world where the '**unexpected**' is actually more to be '**expected**' than its definition would indicate, this is a rare and blessed condition to be in.

To come into Abba's Presence from this fallen, broken world with a '*sense of certainty*' requires the services of a truly '**miraculous life manager**' - someone who has ...

'A Winning Strategy for everything that comes along.'

So, our **Twin Questions** today are:

DOES HE? and **CAN I?**

*"Does my Heavenly Abba have a winning strategy for **everything** that comes along?" and ...*

*"Can I experience confidence in Him no matter **what** comes along?"*

The answers lie in **Today's Key Scriptures**.
Let's look at them together.

First, we'll read them and then I'll share some '**Confidence-Building Convictions**' that arise from them ...

TODAY'S KEY SCRIPTURES ...

1. "And we **KNOW** that in all these things, God **WORKS** for the **GOOD** of those who love Him (truly worship) Him, who have been **CALLED** according to His **PURPOSE**."
(Romans 8:28)

2. "And my God shall meet (supply) all your **NEEDS** according to His glorious **RICHERS** in Christ Jesus." - Philippians 4:19

3. I pray that out of His Glorious **RICHERS**, He may strengthen you with power through His **SPIRIT** in your inner being so that **CHRIST** (that is, Christ's very life) may dwell in your **HEARTS** through faith ... that you may be filled to the measure of all the **FULLNESS** of God!" - Ephesians 3:16,19

4. "(I am) **CONFIDENT** in this that He who **BEGAN** a good work in you will carry it on to **COMPLETION** ..." - Philippians 1:6

He will address all my **eternal** needs - the saving of my soul.
He will address all my **spiritual** needs - the healing of my soul.
He will address all my **earthly** needs - my day to day survival.

And He will do it according to (consistent with)
His Glorious Riches in Christ Jesus.

We can be sure of that!

**4. WE CAN 'KNOW FOR SURE' THAT OUR HEAVENLY ABBA'S
ULTIMATE PLAN IS TO 'FILL US WITH HIS OWN NATURE' ...**

"That you might be filled to all the measure of God!"

Our Heavenly Abba's Plan is that we come out of all '*these things*'
looking like a true son or daughter of His - like a true brother or
sister of Jesus Himself - Embodying the Character of Christ and
Filled to Overflowing with all the Traits of the Family of God!

We can be sure of that!

**5. WE CAN 'KNOW FOR SURE' THAT OUR HEAVENLY ABBA
ALWAYS 'COMPLETES WHAT HE BEGINS' ...**

"He ... will carry it on to completion."

Our Heavenly Abba will '*Get the Job done*' - He always does
when His Spirit is neither resisted nor grieved.

We can be sure of that!

So, neither resist nor grieve the Holy Spirit, it's crucial to the work
God would complete in our lives. That's why last week's message
on '**Submission**' had to precede this one.

So ... Take these **Five Confidence-Building Convictions** to heart
and (as our Final Thot directs) ...

Final Thot ...

ENTER your Abba Father's Presence (Worship Him)
brimming over with **CONFIDENCE**.

His **COMPETENT** hand is upon **EVERYTHING!**