

Be Bold

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Core: You were designed to face fear and kick its butt (conquer)

Background Text: 1 Samuel 15, 16, 17 & Jeremiah 1:4-10

bold

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adjective

adjective: **bold**; comparative adjective: **bolder**; superlative adjective: **boldest**

(of a person, action, or idea) showing an ability to take risks; confident and courageous. "a bold attempt to solve the crisis". (Daring, courageous, fearless, unafraid)

Steps to Be Bold:

1). Overcome your personal objections & fears

Jeremiah 1:4-10 (NIV)

4 The word of the Lord came to me, saying,

5 **"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,**

before you were born I set you apart;

I appointed you as a prophet to the nations."

6 "Alas, Sovereign Lord," I said, "I do not know how to speak; I am too young."

7 But the Lord said to me, "Do not say, 'I am too young.' You must go to everyone I send you to and say whatever I command you. **8 Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you and will rescue you,"**

declares the Lord.

9 Then the Lord reached out his hand and touched my mouth and said to me, **"I have put my words in your mouth. 10 See, today I appoint you over nations and kingdoms to uproot and tear down, to destroy and overthrow, to build and to plant."**

- Your purpose was formed before you were
- There is no limitation in your purpose
- You existed in the mind of God before you were placed in the womb
- Challenge yourself to align with Gods perfect design for our lives

con·fi·dence

/ˈkɒnfədəns/

noun

the feeling or belief that one can rely on someone or something; firm trust. (Trust, belief, faith, credence, conviction)

2 Corinthians 12:9-10 (NIV)

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.

Self Confidence vs. God Confidence

Self Confidence	God Confidence
Self Focused	God Focused
Qualifications & Experience	Gifts & Grace
Seeks Fame	Gives God the Glory
Limited Potential	Unlimited Potential

2). Practice Being Bold

1 Samuel 17:32-37 (NIV)

32 David said to Saul, "Let no one lose heart on account of this Philistine; your servant will go and fight him."

33 Saul replied, "You are not able to go out against this Philistine and fight him; you are only a young man, and he has been a warrior from his youth."

34 But David said to Saul, "Your servant has been keeping his father's sheep. When a lion or a bear came and carried off a sheep from the flock, 35 I went after it, struck it and rescued the sheep from its mouth. When it turned on me, I seized it by its hair, struck it and killed it. 36 Your servant has killed both the lion and the bear; this uncircumcised Philistine will be like one of them, because he has defied the armies of the living God. 37 The Lord who rescued me from the paw of the lion and the paw of the bear will rescue me from the hand of this Philistine."

Saul said to David, "Go, and the Lord be with you."

- God is a master recycler - He waste nothing (previous test & trials are meant to strengthen you and create endurance)

3). Be Authentic

1 Samuel 17:38-40 (NIV)

38 Then Saul dressed David in his own tunic. He put a coat of armor on him and a bronze helmet on his head. 39 David fastened on his sword over the tunic and tried walking around, because he was not used to them.

"I cannot go in these," he said to Saul, "because I am not used to them." So he took them off.

40 Then he took his staff in his hand, chose five smooth stones from the stream, put them in the pouch of his shepherd's bag and, with his sling in his hand, approached the Philistine.

- One size does not fit all
- Your purpose is custom made

4). Run to the Problem

1 Samuel 17:45-51 New International Version (NIV)

45 David said to the Philistine, "You come against me with sword and spear and javelin, but I come against you in the name of the Lord Almighty, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied.

46 This day the Lord will deliver you into my hands, and I'll strike you down and cut off your head. This very day I will give the carcasses of the Philistine army to the birds and the wild animals, and the whole world will know that there is a God in Israel. 47 All those gathered here will know that it is not by sword or spear that the Lord saves; for the battle is the Lord's, and he will give all of you into our hands."

48 As the Philistine moved closer to attack him, David ran quickly toward the battle line to meet him.

49 Reaching into his bag and taking out a stone, he slung it and struck the Philistine on the forehead. The stone sank into his forehead, and he fell facedown on the ground.

50 So David triumphed over the Philistine with a sling and a stone; without a sword in his hand he struck down the Philistine and killed him.

51 David ran and stood over him. He took hold of the Philistine's sword and drew it from the sheath. After he killed him, he cut off his head with the sword.

When the Philistines saw that their hero was dead, they turned and ran.

- David ran quickly to the battlefield (problem)
- Be available for unexpected opportunities
- Success is when preparation meets opportunity
- We were created to conquer
- Your choices today will impact the generations to come

"It always seems impossible until its done" - Nelson Mandela

