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# INTRODUCTION

God is not intimidated by anything, so you are being called by God into the boldness of God that will guarantee your fulfillment on earth. God made Adam and placed him in charge of creation. Adam was the master over the earth and he was not at the mercy of anything. Adam was not afraid of anybody or anything. Nothing was an object of threat or dread before Adam. Even before God made Eve, Adam was alone and was afraid of nothing. The appearance of fear was after the fall of man in Genesis Chapter three;

***“And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself” (Vs 10)***

This was when boldness was lost by mankind.

Christ came as the last Adam to restore that boldness. The bible says

***“Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness.....because as he is, so are we in this world” 1 John 4:17***

One major assignment of Christ's life, death and resurrection was to restore boldness to man that Adam lost because of sin. Christ came to give us boldness to approach God and boldness to approach God equals boldness to approach anything. Your calling in God is a call to boldness. Timidity is a misrepresentation of divinity. Audacity is actually the true picture of divinity. To know God and be in fear is a questioning of your knowledge of God. No God, no boldness. Know God and you will surely know boldness. The devil has been in charge in some areas in your life before now due to lack of boldness, but you are getting to know and to take your place once again in Jesus name. Amen.

# CHAPTER 1

## FOUNDATION FOR BOLDNESS

***“The fear of God builds up confidence and makes a world safe for your children” Proverbs 14:26 (MSG)***

Any life plagued with fear is due to the shortage of the fear of God. You shouldn't fear God and fear what God has created. The fear of God forbids the fear of anything else. Those who fear God can dare anything in life. Reduction in the fear of the Lord is acceleration in fear of the creatures of God. Check your foundation if there is something wrong with the 'building' of your life now.

Daniel's boldness to face the lion was founded on the fact that he feared God so much to miss his prayer altar (Daniel 6). Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego's boldness to face a seven-fold heated fire was predicated on the fear of God rooted in their lives; and that made them along with Daniel to refuse to eat the defiled food and wine of the king. (Daniel 1:8-16, 3:8-27). Any other thing upon which you want to build boldness outside the fear of God is an application for disgrace. Any manifestation of confidence not founded on the fear of God is deception. It is a manifestation in the physical that is founded on fear on the inside. No one without the fear of God is truly bold. Whatever they present as boldness is a cover up for the under-lying fear in their hearts.

Wake up into a life conscious of God in all that you do. Let the fear of God so fill you that there is no space for the fear of any other thing. So here is the wisdom: Whenever you begin to have fear about anything, check your level of fear of the Lord and you will discover why fear is creeping into your life. The desire to please God only consumes a man till he is no more aware of whatever is around him. So my dear, just fear God sufficiently enough and you will discover the death of fear in your life. Be more careful about pleasing God and you will see how

careless you will be concerning what the devil is doing or saying. When you are not thinking of yourself but how to please God, then fearful sights and sounds will not constitute a disturbance to your spirit.

# CHAPTER 2

## IDENTIFYING FEAR

*“There is no fear in love, but perfect love casteth out fear; because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love” 1John 4:18*

When the fear of God is not resident in your heart, whatever fear you have is known as tormenting fear. It is evident in anxiety, worry and divers cares. So that means everyone has fear per time – the fear of God or the tormenting fear. You are not meant to be dominated with the tormenting fear. That is what God will be dealing with in your life till you come to the place of boldness before issues of life.

The fear of sudden calamity is not from God. Note this: No revelation from God comes with tormenting fear. Whatever you receive that is meant to be like a revelation and leaves you in fear can never be from God. Whatever it is that torments your heart continually is not revelation but ‘develation’ (devil’s-revelation). The prevailing thought that sees harm from almost everything is satanic. The constant thought of a coming misfortune is a satanic plot to trap you into disaster. The sudden flash of thought towards a repetition of an affliction is the tormenting fear sent to attack you and to seek your permission, to repeat an evil cycle. You need to be careful to identify when the thought of a coming evil is beginning to rest in your heart. The truth is that, when a thought lingers in your heart for a while, it is looking for a place of rest. Your permission determines whether it will settle to torment you or not.

Job was tormented with fear always and what was occupying his thoughts became a reality. He said,

***“What I always feared has happened to me. What I dreaded has come to be. I have no peace, no quietness. I have no rest; instead, only trouble comes” Job 3:25-26 (NLT).***

Job was constantly thinking “what if something evil happens?” “What if I suddenly lose everything I have?” “What if my children die?” All these filled his mind and they all became a reality. Don’t be entertaining such tormenting thoughts; instead shout back at the devil whenever such thought comes with God’s word and enjoy peace.

# CHAPTER 3

## THE DESTRUCTIVE POWER OF FEAR

**“...perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment...”**

**1 John 4:12**

Fear does not construct, it rather destroys. You can't fare well in life if you live in fear. Sorrow of different forms is what follows fear. See fear as a destructive force and it will move you towards handling a fearful disposition. Note this: something rises when boldness rises and something dies when fear rises.

### FEAR PARALYZES

Fear brings motion to a standstill. Fear weakens a person from doing what they are meant to do. Fear denies a person the capacity to function effectively. The strength to carry out the expected task is sapped by fear. Fatigue is constant where fear is present. There is no energy, enthusiasm or zeal, where fear is on ground.

The inhabitants of Jericho shut down every of their system: human, economic, and industrial, due to fear of the Israelites when the latter crossed the Jordan River. Look at the comment of one of its inhabitants at that time to the spies that Joshua sent:

***“the terror of you has fallen on us, and all the inhabitants of the land are faint- hearted because of you.... and as soon as we heard these things, our hearts melted; neither did there remain any more courage in anyone because of you” Joshua 2;9,11.***

Fear made them defeated before they ever fought; for fear always defeats a man before an enemy he can conquer.



At another time in scriptures, the philistines came to battle with the Israelites, and the Israelites went and brought the Ark of the Covenant box into the battle field. That was enough reason to paralyze the philistines due to the power for victory associated with the Ark of the Covenant. Look rather at their response,

***“And they said.... Be strong and quit yourselves like men, O ye Philistines, that ye be not servants unto the Hebrews... And the Philistines fought and Israel was smitten” 1 Samuel 4:6-10.***

Despite the Ark in the camp, they still won because they refused to be paralyzed by fear. Don't let fear paralyze you.

### **FEAR SHUTS UP POTENTIAL**

You don't fully know the content of your life, until you come above fear. There are gifts and graces in you that are being denied flow by fear. This is because potentials are mostly discovered when you are out to do something. You might not know there is a musical or writing skill in you for example; until you are out to do something in that line. The fear of missing it or the fear of not being able to successfully do something is the enemy of potential discovery. It is said that “necessity is the mother of invention”. It is actually a step forward in the direction of meeting an obvious need that potentials are mostly discovered. Don't shut up the fountain in you due to fear. Don't tell me “I know I can't do it”; thereby shutting up a possibility of your life. Don't shut down the potential in you crying out for expression due to fear. There is no harm in daring things you think you can't do. Just give it a trial and in most cases, you will discover there is something in you meant for that thing.

## **Passion and potential**

If you have a passion in any direction, understand that there is potential for you in that direction. If you are passionate about it, it is because there is a potential God put in you for it. If the passion is strong, God seems to be announcing to you that there is potential in you for it. Don't let fear suppress a potential in you.

David had passion against oppression, and he went after a lion which came to oppress the lamb under his care; and he discovered a lion-killing ability. The same thing led him to challenge Goliath, and the giant-killing ability manifested. Don't let fear stop you. Believe in your passion, and don't let fear shut up your potential.

## **FEAR ATTRACTS OPPRESSION**

The fearful is easily oppressed. Once you have become dominated with fear, you become vulnerable both physically and spiritually. Oppression thrives on intimidation. Once you are intimidated, then you are already a captive. There is a natural pull of oppressors towards the fearful. It is like the attraction of the hungry towards food.

Satanic oppression came after fear came on Adam and Eve. Understand that as long as fear is on ground, the prayer against oppression will never get a positive result; because fear in a person magnetizes oppressors in their direction. The devil is not as powerful as many see him to be. He is like a balloon that appears big but can be deflated by a little pin. But as long as you live in fear, reacting out of fear, praying in fear, dreaming of fearful scenes; then you are only pulling in your direction more oppressors.

Fear made the Midianites to continue to oppress the Israelites, and as long as Gideon kept hiding in fear, the oppression continued. The day

he 'woke up' and blew the trumpet, and went after them, the oppression ceased. Stop the oppression and send back the oppressors by boldness.

# CHAPTER 4

## HANDLING YOUR FEARS

*“They said to one another, why are we sitting here until we die?.....let us surrender to the army of the Syrians. If they keep us alive, we shall live and if they kill us, we shall only die” 2 Kings 7:3,4 (NKJV)*

You can't overcome fear by running away from what you fear. Bold people are simply people who confront their fears. ***Whatever you are tempted to run from is what God is actually asking you to confront.*** Fear is actually a mirage that disappears for those who confront it. What you fear is waiting for your steps in their direction before they betray their absence.

Only a little portion of the anointing upon Elijah that came upon Jehu through Elisha was what he used to handle the Jezebel that Elijah ran away from. The difference between Elijah and Jehu with reference to Jezebel was that Jehu confronted what Elijah ran from. (1 Kings 19, 2 Kings 9). Make it a conscious matter to always locate what you are afraid of and constantly confront it, so that the fear of it dies. God at times also confronts us with issues we are afraid of so as to awaken the sleeping giant in us. Many run from it and keep running from it all their lives. It seems as if anywhere they turn, they will be confronted with that 'devil'. God is simply saying; face it so that you can phase out that devil once and for all. That is because, God is never proud of a fearful child. God does not boast of a fearful person as His son. God wants you to confront every 'beast' like the lion that does not turn away for any. (Proverbs 30:30)

Goliath was still staring and tormenting Israel until David faced him. Stop wishing that you will just close your eyes and that fearful sight will just vanish from before you. That kind of prayer is a wasted prayer. God will not eliminate a 'Goliath' you refuse to confront. God will not handle a 'Red Sea' you refuse to confront with the 'staff' in

your hand. Moses and Israel were crying to God concerning the Red Sea and He said,

***“Why do you cry to Me? Tell the children of Israel to go forward”***  
***Exodus 14:15 (NKJV).***

Please know that God will not sympathize with you when you are crying for what He wants you to confront. That was why he replied the children of Israel and Moses like that. It was fear that God was trying to kill out of Israelites that made Him to pass them through the wilderness and it was only those who overcame fear that entered the Promised Land.

### **HANDLING ARROWS OF FEAR**

***“You shall not be afraid... of the arrow that flies by day”*** ***Psalms 91:5 (NKJV)***

Composition begins by introduction. You can't handle the content until you monitor the entrance. The best point to handle contamination is at the entry point. If you will walk in boldness, you need to identify arrows of fear fired by the devil and deal with them appropriately.

The devil specializes in shooting arrows of fear into the heart. Such arrows of fear are what the Bible calls “the fiery darts of the wicked” (Ephesians 6:16). You might not be able to stop the devil from shooting arrows of fear to you, but you should be able to shield your heart from the arrows of fear. That shield is called the shield of faith. The arrow of the enemy can be sent through information that brings fear.

Fearful information moves faster than faith-filled information in the world. It is sponsored by the devil and propagated by his agents. It is ‘sold’ on television, on internet, on Newspapers, on bill-boards or on

handbills. You as a Christian need to guard and shield your heart carefully. You need to monitor your information intake to be able to put aside information that will release fear into your heart.

You can deny fearful arrows entry into your heart by replying the information of fear coming to you with your mouth. Your mouth is the tool that is meant to be used to repel the arrows of fear sent to your heart. When a sudden flash of thought comes to your mind to bring fear, reply the thoughts with scriptures of faith. If one fearful thought comes to mind, reply it with two or more scriptures to nullify the effect; the more the scriptures, the stronger your stand of victory. When a text message as information of fear comes to you, look for your Bible and let your eyes fall upon scriptures of faith in that line and deal with it. Don't ponder long over fearful information; reply it immediately. Keep speaking about your place or your covenant right in Christ to yourself and against the devil.

### **HANDLING FEARFUL DREAMS**

***“When I say, ‘My bed will comfort me, and there I will find rest from my complaining’, then You send dreams to me which fill me with fear”. Job 7:13-14 (NLB)***

Job attributed everything that happened to him to God, because he did not know the place of the devil in the frustration of man. The fearful dreams he saw, he attributed them to God; but actually it was the devil that sent dreams to fill him with fear, because God cannot give you dreams of fear but that of faith.

Imaginations and manifestations go hand in hand. Whatever has been planted strongly in the imagination, will surely come to pass eventually. An image created should be an object expected. The devil knows this and he specializes in multiplying fear also through dreams. Whenever you have a dream that magnifies the wickedness of the devil and leaving you in fear, understand that the devil wants to keep you in fear so that he can have access route into your life. Once fear has been successfully planted, then the devil has been empowered to come into that life. Dreams are ways God plants images in people's heart. The devil also uses that medium to plant images that is meant to leave you in fear. So be watchful also in the area of dreams.

When you wake up from such fearful dreams, don't just start praying in fear. Look for scriptures appropriate and let the picture in that scripture knock out the picture in your mind you just saw. It is only another stronger image that can knock off any image that was there before. Let the picture of scriptures handle the picture of such negative dream. You don't determine your life by dreams but by faith in the word of God.

**“For we walk by faith, not by sight” 2 Corinthians 5:7**

So whatever picture that rests in your mind from dreams that does not agree with who you are in scriptures should be replaced with the picture of your person as written in the scriptures. Some dreams can be persistent and it can be the lie of the devil that he wants you to believe is true. You don't cry after such dreams, instead, roar back at the devil with scriptures. Let that be your lifestyle till the devil knows he can't plant fear through dreams and then he will be forced to look for something else. Control your life with God's word and don't let fearful dreams control you.

## **STOP SEEING DEVIL IN EVERYTHING**

***“And He said unto them, I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven”. Luke 10:18***

Undermining the devil is dangerous but magnifying God is marvelous. You don't magnify the devil, because you will 'simplify' God like that. Those who see devil in everything, live in fear while those who see God in everything live in faith. Don't elevate the devil beyond where God has placed him – under the feet of the saints.

Don't be too devil-conscious. That is the pathway to living in fear. Don't be seeing devil in every word spoken around you. Don't be seeing devil in every wind that blows or in any strange sound heard around you. Don't be imagining the devil when a lizard passes in front of you or when cockroaches are struggling behind the cupboard. Think more of God than the devil. Don't give the devil more attention in prayers than God. That is fear at work. Be more worship-conscious than warfare-conscious. Don't be more interested about devil-chasing books than character moulding books. Stop attributing to the devil what irresponsibility is doing in your life. Stop blaming the devil for what you failed to do for your destiny. Stop seeing the devil in your inability to overcome one bad habit in your life. Stop connecting everything happening to you with the influence of the devil as if God is so weak and helpless about the devil.

Acknowledge that there is devil but refuse to make him feel important by constantly talking about his wickedness. Talk more about God's goodness. Faith people see God in creation, but fearful people see devil in creation. Faith sees God in mountains, hills, the sky and the vegetation, but fearful people see devil in all of these things. Yes, there is devil in the world, but the bible says



***“greater is he that is in you than he that is in the world”.*** (1John 4:4)

All that Christ talked about the devil is from a victory stand point. That is how to see the devil. No matter which medium he chooses to use, just know that the devil is still a creature that can never be more than the Creator. Remind the devil of his place whenever he shows up and continue living your life. Focus more on God and you will see less of the devil, thereby living in faith”.

### **CONFRONT A FAMILIAR TYRANT**

***“For God hath not given us the spirit of fear, but of power, and of love and of a sound mind” 2 Timothy 1:7***

A tyrant you don't confront is a bondage that will continue. There are devils that keep repeating their attack in your direction that you have to face them to stop them. **Any devil you keep running from is a devil that will keep running towards you.** Victory is not in retreating but in advancing towards the enemy.

The first attack of the devil is to first establish fear. When fear is established then subsequent attacks should be expected. When you don't confront them, they will continue to oppress you. There are spiritual tyrants in your life that you have to confront and stop. That oppressive operation in your life that whenever you remember, fear comes to your heart is a devil to confront. How long will you keep running away? A coward is not alive; he only exists. Anytime you remember a fearful entity, something dies in you. So you better handle them so that you can start living.

It can also come in form of a familiar family tyrant. A devil that has attacked your parents or older siblings that you are aware of is planning for you; in case you are not aware. Confront it and stop it.

Don't just be thinking about a familiar devil and wishing it does not come your way. Attack it and let the devil know, your life is a no-go area for him. Establish your victory over any familiar tyrant right away.

Abraham was attacked with famine. Isaac his son was attacked with famine. Jacob Isaac's son was attacked with famine. Until Joseph stopped it, it would have continued. Barrenness attacked Abraham as well as Isaac and Jacob. Jacob had to encounter God at Peniel to stop the familiar devil. Abraham was afraid and lied, Isaac was afraid and lied. Jacob also lived in fear for decades until it was settled at Peniel (Genesis 32). Herod attacked little children so as to eliminate Jesus when he was small. Herod came again when Christ was already a matured man in ministry and Christ had to call him a fox telling him he can do nothing to stop him from accomplishing his purpose.

***“And he said unto them, Go ye, and tell that fox, Behold, I cast out devils, and I do cures today and tomorrow, and the third day I shall be perfected” Luke 13:32***

It's time to confront the Goliaths, the Jezebels and the Herods you have been running from.

### **THE SLEEP OF FAITH**

***“And there arose a great storm... And he was in the hinder-part of the ship asleep on a pillow; and they ... said one to another, What manner of man is this..” Mark 4:37, 38, 41.***

The noise of the cat does not disturb the sleep of the lion. The noise of one thousand cats is not equal to the roaring of a lion. A lion is still a lion whether he is asleep or awake. The consciousness of dominion in the lion makes him to sleep without fear of being terrorized.

Nothing kills fear like sleeping in the storm. When you refuse to fidget despite the moving to and fro of the devil around you, you have paralyzed the devil. The roaring of the lion is to transfer fear to its prey and anyone that can survive the roaring of the lion has already defeated the lion. The devil too the Bible says is “as a roaring lion, walking about, seeking whom he may devour”( 1 Peter 5:8). The ‘roaring’ of the devil is just to put fear into your life. If you refuse to shift your ground, he will leave you alone in search of another. God’s servant, Dr. Paul Enenche once said, “Anything the devil wants you to do, do the opposite”. That is the highest strategy to suffocate and frustrate the devil. When the devil wants to give you sleepless night, just ensure you have a good sleep. Once the devil brings fearful news your way to make you restless in an area of life, decide deliberately to leave off that area. Nothing will go bad. Handle fear first before doing anything.

They sent Christ frightening news one day about his friend Lazarus that was sick and about to die. The natural thing for the Miracle Worker was to rush there and ‘kill’ the sickness out of His friend. But the scripture says, he remained for two more days. (John 11:1-6) That is a sleep of faith! He refused to come under pressure with such kind of fearful news meant to put Him under pressure. Jesus slept in the ship when the devil brought a frightening storm on the sea as Mark 4:37-41 said. Peter too slept on the night before the intended execution when Herod that killed James put him in prison. Just make it a practice to always do the opposite of the devil’s intention.

# CHAPTER 5

## ACTIVATING BOLDNESS

*“...stir up the gift of God, which is in thee by the putting on of my hands. For God hath not given us the spirit of fear.....” 2 Timothy 1:6-7*

There are things to keep doing to stay bold. When the fire of boldness is not fanned, it will soon become ashes of fear. You need to motivate yourself or rather activate the fire of confidence so that you don't begin bold and end cold. It takes activation and reactivation for there to be fullness of manifestation. That is why the apostle Paul told Timothy to activate the gift in him, if fear won't dominate his life as the scripture above implies.

You can activate boldness by:

- (1) **Search for audacious scriptures:** There are scriptures you will encounter and you will be looking for the devil to kill. Whatever is like a fear before you is at the mercy of a scripture yet to be searched out. When you get an aggregate of scriptures on a particular area of satanic torment in your life, you can keep your fire of boldness ablaze constantly. Let them become memory scriptures for you. Write some out and stick them where you can see them. Mark them in your bible with a bold marker so that you can identify them. A bible concordance can help. Someone whom you know has knowledge of scriptures should also be asked to help.
- (2) **Listen to the bold:** The words of the bold are fiery words. You can't be listening to the bold and be cold. You can't listen constantly to the bold and not be infected with their boldness. Timothy's boldness was kept aflame by constantly listening to Paul. When Peter stayed with Christ and listened to Him - One

who spoke with authority, not as the scribes as the scripture says; he connected with His boldness. The Sanhedrin's remarked about Peter thus:

**“Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were unlearned and ignorant men, they marveled; and took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus” Acts 4:13**

Their contact with Jesus infused boldness into them. Go around the bold and listen to them frequently. Call those you cannot reach closely. Listen to tapes and read materials of the bold and you can't be bold-less.

### **PRAY ABUNDANTLY IN TONGUES**

***“Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the spirit... that I may open my mouth boldly to make known the mystery of the gospel” Ephesians 6:18, 19***

A lion that don't know how to roar cannot be bold. It takes roaring to activate boldness. Bold Christians pray abundantly in the spirit. Praying in tongues abundantly handles fear. There is not one person that prays abundantly in the spirit that is a victim of fear.

When you are afraid and you want to generate boldness, sufficiently pray in the spirit.

### **THE CAMP EPISODE**

I remembered when I was in the camp for my National Youth Service; we went to the mountain as part of the camping exercise. The display on that mountain top was anti – Christian and I could not bear it. I decided to turn it into an opportunity to preach the gospel of salvation. I was afraid of the military men over us that were there, but as I got sufficiently charged with this 'wine' of the spirit – praying in tongues, I

lost 'control' and began to declare boldly and all who were around heard the gospel of Christ. How was the boldness activated or generated? It was by praying in tongues.

Another story was told of a brother having prayed for hours nonstop in tongues and came out; was confronted by a mad man chasing everybody. The condition of his spirit at that time was ready for any confrontation. The mad man came in his direction and retired on the run, because the devil in him also recognized the power in the eyes of that brother. That's what tongues can do.

It was after the fire tongues that came on Pentecost that a timid Simon turned into a bold Peter. He faced those who killed his master, eye ball to eye ball and told them the truth of the gospel. (Acts 2) When they threatened them later to try to kill their boldness; looked at what they did:

***“They lifted up their voice to God... And when they had prayed, the place was shaken and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and they spake the word of God with boldness” Acts 4: 24, 31***

No tongues, no boldness. Small tongues, small boldness. Abundant tongues, abundant boldness. Paul the apostle was the boldest of the apostles because he said concerning himself:

***“I speak in tongues more than ye all” 1 Corinthians 14:18***

### **BE INSPIRED BY HISTORY**

***“I am the God of thy father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob...” Exodus 3:6***

What one does, another can do if he/she gets to know and see what the other person have seen or known. Timidity will die when you

continually see audacity in history. When you are touch with the relevant history, you will connect with faith for your destiny.

When you get to know that Mary Slessor, a missionary to Calabar, Nigeria, encountered a lion in the Jungle one day and commanded the lion to move out of her way which he did; you will receive some level of boldness, as a man or woman who fears even a tiny cockroach. If you know of Napoleon Bonaparte who destroyed the bridge behind him and his soldiers who were out to war and won the battle despite the few soldiers with him; then you will not see retiring back due to fear as an option. When you remember that it was a boy of seventeen by the name of David in the bible that rescued the lamb from the lion's mouth, then you will see that you are not meant to freeze at the sight of an ant. Did the Israelites walk on dried ground in the midst of the sea with water on both sides as a wall by them? What if the water returned back upon them? When you think about this well, then you will easily obey prophetic actions as God leads you to do. What's the connection between marching round a wall as thick as the wall of Jericho, and pulling down the wall? Such histories can inspire you to dare things in faith.

Read history books and take note of exploits of faith carried out. Read Biographies of men and women of faith and you will see men of like passions like you that accomplished feats in faith. Compare their lifestyles with that of men in scriptures and let the spirit they possess jump into you to kill fear. Look around you for old and successful men who are still alive and glean from their stories on how to face some fearful circumstances of life. You can start from your parents - biological or spiritual. Be inspired by their histories and let it in turn fuel you to dare some things you are afraid of before now.

## REMIND YOURSELF OF PAST VICTORIES

*“The LORD that delivered me out of the paw of the lion, and out of the paw of the bear, he will deliver me out of the hand of this philistine .....” 1 Samuel 17:37.*

What God has done before, he can do it again and again. When you can remember the deliverances of God in your life in the past then you are face to face with a tonic for boldness. Remembering past victories establishes you for future victories.

David remembered God’s doing in his life in the past and connected it to the next feat he believes God can do for him as the above scripture says. Don’t see your experiences of today as wasted moments. Some hardship you are passing through now will form the foundation for greater things tomorrows. Some fearful scenarios you wished God pushed away came to you to build your faith for issues of destiny tomorrow. **Those who run from fear today will never attain to an enviable future tomorrow.** Let the fight of faith today build your muscle for the battle of tomorrow. Refer to God’s grace that helped you through school as a ground upon which you will not be afraid of needs, if it is the pathway to your destiny. Don’t be afraid to step out to the unknown, by reminding yourself how God saw you through some ‘wilderness’ moments in time past.

Sit down once in a while to recap some of the areas of victory, you have enjoyed in life that you never knew you could overcome. Remember the things God delivered you from; that looking at it now leaves you wondering how you came out of it. Let it encourage you that you can get over any one before you now. Don’t be quick to discard the testimonies of God’s intervention in and around your life. Talk to yourself about it and let it help to generate faith in your heart



towards whatever is meant to put you to fear. Talk to yourself, that God who saw you through yesterday will see you through today. Face issues before you with such confidence.

### **A SHOUT OF PRAISE**

There is a connection between your voice and boldness. Your voice box is connected to fearlessness. The chanting of the military when going to war is to activate boldness. A shout of praise is another way to kill fear and activate boldness. Praise-fullness generates boldness.

***“O clap your hands, all ye people, shout unto God with the voice of triumph” Psalm 47:1***

The people of Israel were meant to possess the land of Canaan that was filled with giants. There were fearful sights all over the land and without courage they can't enter. The first strategy towards breaking into the land contains wisdom for us. God told the armies of Israel to march round the wall of the city of Jericho; which was the first city to conquer before entering the promise land. They were to march in silence for seven days and seven times on the seventh day. After the exercise of the seventh day, they were to shout on the top of their voices and take over the city. The shout of praise was actually to generate boldness so that they can go ahead to confront the giants in the land.

***“So the people shouted when the priests blew with the trumpets: and it came to pass, when the people heard the sound of the trumpet, and the people shouted with a great shout, that the wall fell down flat, so***

*that the people went up into the city, every man straight before him, and they took the city” Joshua 6:20*

God told Gideon to blow the trumpets and break the pitchers as a strategy for warfare. In other words they should organize a shout and see what will follow. Their shout transferred their fears upon their enemies because the side of every battle that succeeds in terrifying the other wins the battle.

Learn to praise God when faced with frightening issues, and you will receive courage to face the enemy. It is not low tune singing that generates such. Praise God and celebrate God as loud as possible and you will be saturated with God till there will be no room for fear to reside in your heart. Christ did not whisper for Lazarus to come out of the grave. He shouted the devil out of the man and brought him back to life. David was a man faced with battles all his life and he was a man given to shouts of praise for courage and for victory. It was him that said “Make a joyful noise to God” seven times in the book of Psalms. It was one of his victory strategies. You too can walk in courage as you imbibe the “shout of praise” method always.

### **DARE TO MISS IT**

To be too careful not to miss it is to be fearful and miss out. Those who are too careful are mostly fearful. Those who want to analyze well before taking steps hardly take any step. To learn to leap in faith is to learn to leap out of fear. **You must not understand everything to do something.** Be ready to miss it; for in missing it most times is to understand how to get it better.

To dare with the right motive is to live your mistakes to God. When you have the right motive, God will deliver you from any mess as a result of your daring. Apostle Paul was daring to kill Christian with

the right motive when he was still Saul and God turned him towards the real course of his destiny. Don't be afraid to make mistake. Just be sure your motive is right, you will discover that you are right in the centre of God's will always for your life. You that have been procrastinating a project, a prospect or a progress move due to fear of missing it; decide to throw all caution to the wind and dare it. Let God undertake for whatever be the consequence. There can't be perfect conditions to do anything meaningful in life. Don't be calculating and analyzing and strategizing and five years have gone because you want all the 'i's' to be dotted and the 't's' to be crossed. That is fear!

Jump out of that 'box' and dare it like Peter who came out of the boat to walk on the water to meet Jesus. He dared to die and God rescued him.

***“And Peter answered him and said, Lord, it be thou, bid me come unto thee on the water. And he said come... And when Peter was come down out of the ship, he walked on the water” Matthew 14:28-29.***

He dared to miss it and God intervened for him. He refused to be crippled in fear and God assisted him. You don't walk in boldness by analyzing everything. You walk in boldness by walking even when you are not completely sure. Dr. Paul Enenche once said “In missing one route, you discover other routes”. That is the mindset of one that will not be stagnated in fear. At times you move with what you know and let God correct you, where necessary. Dare to miss it!

# CHAPTER 6

## WALKING IN BOLDNESS

*“Yea though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for thou art with me, thy rod and thy staff they comfort me” Psalm 23:4*

God does not intend for us to walk in boldness today and walk in fear tomorrow. He wants us to constantly walk in boldness like Jesus walked while on earth. That is what God achieved by sending the Holy Ghost to the Church after He raised Jesus from the dead.

One strong ‘tool’ to use to keep walking in boldness is the consciousness of divine presence. Once you are aware that God is with you; then what should not scare God should not scare you. Your level of awareness determines your level of boldness. Once you are conscious of the fact that God is with you, you will be bold to face anything.

God stands by those who are aware of His presence. Establish the consciousness of God’s presence strongly around you always, day or night and neither day nor night will be different for you; because God does not know day or night. The “arrow by day” or the “terror by night” will not constitute a threat to you if you know God is with you. If you are aware that “he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep”, then you should not be awake in fear when God is awake over you.(Psalm 121:4) It was Joseph and Mary that were awake running with the child Jesus but the child Jesus was not aware. He was enjoying His sleep even though it was Him that the devil was after.

When you are too conscious of your security you will constantly live in fear. Turn your security matter over to God and enjoy your life.

God is committed to securing you. Be conscious of that fact. Be conscious that He is with you at all times and in all places. His word to you is:

***“when thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee: when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned, neither shall the flame kindle upon thee” Isaiah 43:2***

Be conscious of divine presence and you will walk always boldly.

### **STOP PLANNING IN FEAR**

To be planning in fear is to be untying your spiritual covering; for fear makes a person exposed in the spirit. To be activating every security system possible – security dogs, security men, security fencing, security camera, security burglary proofs, security locks or every form of security, does not handle fear. Some with all these systems in place are still constantly tormented with fear. It is not a plan in fear that shields you; it is faith that shields you as the Bible says in Ephesians 6:16.

***“Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked”***

Your true security is actually spiritual and when you are not conscious of that one, even the physical security you want to rely on can't shield you. There is no security system made by man that cannot be overrun. Know that the devil is a specialist in overrunning human security systems. It is God that is actually the surest security, and you handicap God's security by planning for your security in fear. Planning in fear is indirectly telling God you don't need His security. Planning to relocate out of fear is to be applying for disaster. Any relocation out of

fear cannot be sponsored by God. Let divine signals guide you, not fearful signal. Don't use fearful signal as God's signal to do anything.

Jacob planned in fear in Genesis 32:7, 8

***“Then Jacob was greatly afraid and distressed, and he divided the people that were with him... And said, if Esau come to the one company and smite it, then the other company which is left shall escape”***

None of his plans in the above scripture verses would have helped him; had he not wrestled with the angel in prayers and changed his story. God did not tell him anything about Esau in that matter but as he acknowledged God in prayers, Esau became a friend when he saw him. Esau's intention of evil died when he saw him.

***“When a man's ways please the LORD, he maketh even his enemies to be at peace with him” Proverbs 16:7***

Joseph did not want to return home with Mary and Jesus due to fear, but God had to warn him to return to the parts of Galilee (Matthew 2:21-22). So let not fearful news determine your plans. Let not satanic threat determine your plans, so that you don't escape from a 'dog' to meet a 'lion'. Pray and plan in faith. Seek God's will for your life per time and don't be motivated by fear as you plan your life issues. Be moved by God's word per time.

### **CONTINUE IMPACT JOURNEY**

***“Now the gates of Jericho were tightly shut because the people were afraid of the Israelites. No one was allowed to go in or out” Joshua 6:1 (NLT)***

There is no prison like the prison of fear. Fear imprisons a man from the potentials in him and the possibilities outside him.

Many who would have become something great in life have become limited and stagnated due to fear. Fear has made many to refuse to deploy their potential and thereby remaining a liability.

Let not fearful news kill your plans for advancement. Don't stop a building project because of the fear of the unknown. Don't stop pursuing the admission because you feel it will be better in another location. Don't stop the plans to start-up your company due to fearful news. If you are a child of God, you are not meant to be at the mercy of circumstances. Don't quit your job because of fear. Don't postpone the marriage plans due to fear. If God has asked you to open up a new branch office or a Church branch, don't sit still waiting for 'favourable' conditions, which is tied to fearful news going on. Why should the devil be determining for you whether to continue on your impact journey or not? God is still in charge and it is Him that should determine your moves. Be determined to continue your impact journey no matter whatever fearful news you are hearing unless God tells you otherwise.

The four lepers in 2kings chapter seven did not see stagnation as the right thing to do. They did not see future and destiny behind. So they decided to advance despite fear and the fear was transferred on the enemy who took off before their arrival. They became national celebrities, who were before nonentities, because they refused fear to cripple their moves. **Those who are heroes today are those who chose to advance when others were retreating in fear.** So be careful when people around are retreating in fear. There could be a 'gold mine' just a step ahead.

**The resources of the fearful are always left for people of faith to harvest.** Don't leave your portion in fear. Stay with God in

faith, and those who run in fear will leave their portion for you to add to your own. Be determined not to stop your plans for impact due to fear. Continue aggressively and let God redirect if need be. God does not assist those who remain on one spot due to fear.

### **AVOID THE FEARFUL**

Association affects composition and disposition. Some things that are not in your thought begin to prevail in your mind because of the kind of people you associate with. What your friend is made up of will soon find its way into you even without knowing. That is the power of association.

Anyone who is good at propagating fearful news should be kept far from you, if you want to walk in boldness. You can't overcome fear by hanging around the fearful. Even praying with a fearful person cannot handle the fears in your heart. There is a way fearful news locates fearful people and anyone around them will be the first victim to be infected with such fears. Don't be always interested in fearful news. It has a way of connecting you with fearful people. Any newspaper that you come in contact with that promotes fearful sights and words should be discarded as soon as possible. Don't visit someone who always sends you text messages about the latest ugly news they heard. Delete fearful text messages as soon as they enter your phone and don't in anyway send it to another. Don't think the person that is sending messages that torture your memory cares for you and that they are trying to keep you alert. Instead stop such people where you can and avoid them if they refuse to change.

Ten out of twelve people returned back from spying the land of Canaan with fearful news. They polluted the hearts of millions of people and ruined their destiny; that they could not enter the Promised Land God had in mind for them. (Numbers 13 and 14) Fearful



people are stronger devils than some agents of darkness. Avoid them if you want to reach your destiny. Be careful to spot them by their speech and reaction and avoid them like a plague.

Gideon would have been defeated when two-third of the supposed army he had were fearful people. God had to make him screen them out before he proceeded.

***“Now therefore go to, proclaim in the ears of the people, saying, Whosoever is fearful and afraid, let him return and depart early from mount Gilead. And there returned of the people twenty and two thousand; and there remained ten thousand.” Judges 7:3***

God gave the Israelites a similar commandment to the one he told Gideon above whenever they are about to go to war. He said:

***“And is there a man here who is wavering in resolve and afraid? Let him go home right now so that he doesn’t infect his fellows with his timidity and cowardly spirit” Deuteronomy 20:80(MSG).***

Screen out fearful people from your circle of friends so that you don’t become a casualty of life.

### **FEAR NO THREAT**

***“Just then, some Pharisees came up and said, “Run for your life! Herod’s on the hunt. He’s out to kill you!” Jesus said, “Tell that fox that I’ve no time for him right now. Today and tomorrow I’m busy clearing out the demons and healing the sick...” Luke 13:31-32 (MSG).***

The New Living Translation of the above verse says,

***“Go tell that fox that I will keep on casting out demons and doing miracles of healing today and tomorrow; and the third day I will accomplish my purpose”***

Someone with this kind of understanding can never fear threat. **A strong sense of purpose is an antidote to fear.** Jesus had a strong sense of purpose and he knew that no one can stop Him from achieving it. He refused to be threatened by anything or anyone. He was not moved by threat.

Threats are weaker devils than silence. A devil you don't hear from is more dangerous than the one that has spoken out." A Ugandan proverb says, "A roaring lion kills no game". A barking dog hardly bites, they say. An exposed bullet has lost its potency. So the destination of threats should be the trash can. Treat threats as trash. No man has your life in their hands. No witch has the capacity to kill you before time. No hired assassin has the power to take away the life that he did not give you. So begin to laugh at threats because the devil that pushed them to voice out their intention has already shot himself. Don't come under pressure because you received a letter of threat or a threat from someone physically. They have no power to carry it out when their breath for the next minute can only be guaranteed by God. The Bible's comfort for threat is in Lamentation 3:37.

***"Who is he that saith and it comes to pass, when the Lord commandeth it not?"***

Report threats to God in prayers and leave it there. When you report threats to God, God takes over from there.

King Hezekiah went and spread the threat letter sent by the Assyrian King Sennacherib before God in prayers and an angel went and killed a hundred and eighty five thousand soldiers in one night. Sennacherib himself was killed by his sons afterwards. (2 Kings 19) A threat that your faith can't reply, report it to your spiritual father. (That is why it is good to have one). Hezekiah reported the threat to Isaiah the Prophet and Isaiah prophesied the end of the Assyrian King, and as

he said it, so it happened. Let no threat henceforth be strong enough to shift your ground.

### **WALKING IN RIGHTEOUSNESS**

Righteousness imparts as well as sustains boldness. You have nothing to fear if there is nothing to hide. Whatever is seen as boldness in the absence of righteousness is simply bold-face and not boldness. Bold-face cannot deliver you from devils even if man is deceived, because a man with bold face in the physical is vulnerable like the fearful in the spirit before the devil.

Make sure your account is straight and you will not fear the threat of a diabolic man or woman. Once you are honest and sincere in your dealings, there is no need to fear anything or anyone. It is those that are not sure of their stand in righteousness that are constantly in fear. If you can increase in righteousness, you will surely increase in boldness. Concerning Daniel, he was above board in government. They checked his files and did everything to fault him but they could not find anything. That kind of impeccability made the threat of lions not to move him. If there was any skeleton in his cupboard, he would have been afraid all the way and end in shame. It was the conspirators that inherited what they planned for him (Daniel 6). Shedrach, Meshach and Abednego were not moved by the threat of the fiery furnace because along with Daniel, they refused to introduce any corruption into their lives. **Once your life can't be corrupted, your boldness can't be affected.**

***“The wicked flee when no man pursueth, but the righteous are bold as a lion”. Proverbs 28:1***

Straighten your life and put things straight so that your head can stay up in boldness. Any area you are battling with unrighteousness is an area to deal with squarely, if you will regain your boldness again. Draw integrity lines and stick to them so that you will have nothing to fear any day anytime. Ensure that there is nothing you will be ashamed of if discovered around you per time. Let your integrity lines be beyond the bounds of suspicion. Be ready at any point to render due account for anything in your disposal. Let any person that wants to bring any false accusation against you not be a threat because you are living above board in all areas. Be right and you won't live in fright.

### **WALK IN KNOWLEDGE**

The lawyer is not afraid of the policeman because of knowledge. He knows the law and cannot be intimidated by the uniform or the weapon in the hand of the policeman. That is the connection between boldness and knowledge. Your strength of stand on your conviction is tied to your depth of revelation.

***“...but the people that do know their God shall be strong and do exploits” Daniel 11:32b***

Knowledge sponsors boldness. What you know determines how you speak or act. If you are not knowledgeable in any area, you can't be bold in that area. You don't talk with boldness, what you don't know well. The presence or absence of knowledge is usually signaled by boldness. So to increase your boldness, you have to increase your knowledge. You are bold to the degree at which you are knowledgeable. A Primary School leaver can be bold talking before primary school pupils but his fears will be betrayed when he stands

before University graduates. That is why you need to be a constant learner so that you don't fall short of boldness amidst people. Even devils are terrified by people of knowledge. They hardly dare a man in the area of his knowledge. Devils only intimidate those who are ignorant. That is one strong difference between the bold and the timid.

All Israel was running away from the height and ammunition of Goliath because of their little knowledge of the power of the covenant of circumcision God had with them. When David who had the knowledge came with all boldness, he challenged and defeated Goliath.

Do you know that "you are more than a conqueror"? (Romans 8:38) Do you know that you are seated with Christ in heavenly places? (Ephesians 2:6). Do you know that "your life is hid with Christ in God"? (Colossians 3:3) Do you fully understand the implication of "greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world" (1 John 4:4) Do you know well that "No weapon fashioned against you shall prosper"? (Isaiah 54:17). These kinds of scriptures and other of such scriptures will settle fear forever, if you possess a proper knowledge of them. Look for such knowledge scriptures of your right and of God's will for you and you will see how fear will shrink out of your life.

### **WALKING IN SUBMISSION**

***"And the seventy returned again with joy, saying, Lord, even the devils are subject unto us through thy name" Luke 10:17***

The disciples in the above verse have not received the Holy Spirit before they casted out devils. That is the power of submission at work. They went boldly to face the devil because they were sent by Jesus. They did not need their righteousness or power to confront the devil, but they were speaking by the name they were in submission to.

Your boldness can be tied to your backing. You have the backing of anyone you are in submission to. Whatever is at the disposal of the person you are in submission to will also be at your disposal. God too backs a person in submission. A rebellious child can never be bold to make any request from his father or in his father's name. The boldness of the prodigal son is on the fact that he was a son. His elder brother was not bold to ask anything because he was not aware of the implication of being a son. Their father said to the elder son:

***“Son, thou art ever with me, and all that I have is thine” Luke 15:31***

You are not meant to be afraid of any man or devil if you are in full submission to God under His servant. You can make demand of the God that your spiritual father is in covenant with and God will handle issues that are meant to keep you in bondage. Just like a little child that calls to either father or mother whenever another person or thing frightens them; so should you be against agents of fear.

Elisha faced the river Jordan with all boldness because he was in submission to Elijah who had also parted the river before him.

***“And he took the mantle of Elijah that fell from him, and smote the waters, and said, Where is the LORD God of Elijah? and when he also had smitten the waters, they parted hither and thither: and Elisha went over” 2 kings 2:14***

Any object of fright that your father in the Lord or discipler/mentor have conquered before, is meant to be confronted with that consciousness trusting the God that helped him, to also step in for you. Joshua was courageous to fight the Amalekites because his spiritual father Moses' hand was lifted in support for him. **Don't be afraid of whatever your spiritual authority figure has given you a go ahead about.** Be bold if you are in submission.

## **WALK IN GOD'S WILL**

Certainty increases audacity. When you are sure, you are bold. Uncertainty attracts timidity. When you are still in doubt, you won't have confidence. With solid conviction comes strong confidence. So getting to know God's will establishes you on the path of confidence.

Do everything to be sure of whatever is before you. Inquire until you arrive at the shores of certainty. Don't play around what you are not sure about. What you are sure about fixes your mind in a state to expect anything. When there is no solid conviction, there is no clarity of expectation. That leaves someone in fear. So find out what is God's will for your life per time and you will walk always in boldness. When you are not in God's will, God won't undertake for you. Having confidence that God will come in for you is tied to being in His will. You will not be afraid to fight any devil if you are sure that where you are is in the will of God.

Going to Egypt was not God's will for Abraham and so he was afraid when about to enter. (Genesis 12:10-20) David was not afraid because he was a man that inquired of God at all times.

***“Then David enquired of the LORD yet again. And the LORD answered him and said, Arise; go down to Keilah, for I will deliver the philistines into thine hand” 1 Samuel 23:4***

He enquired about location as well as the next line of action. Even if the location or the action looked frightening, he ventured fearlessly once he was sure it was in God's will. (2 Samuel 2:1, 5:19, 23)

It pays to be in God's will. There is so much confidence in you when you are certain about what you are doing or where you are. Once you are in God's will, you will be careless about satanic threats against you. God's will determine God's shield. The location of God's will is the location of God's shield for you. Don't let any fearful person

move you out of God's will because of what looks frightening. If they are not sure they are in God's will, then they should be on their way, instead of putting you under pressure by their fears. Define God's will and be determined not to be frightened around it.



# CHAPTER 7

## INCREASING IN BOLDNESS

*“For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the spirit of adoption by whom we cry out “Abba, Father” Romans 8:15 (NKJV)*

Whatever it is that is not increasing is decreasing. You are either increasing in your boldness or it is decreasing. The boldness of yesterday cannot handle the fearful sights and sounds of today. If you don't increase in boldness, you will soon discover that you will begin to be afraid of what you use to confront before. Take note!

### BE A FAITH DISTRIBUTOR

Whatever you share multiplies and whatever you keep diminishes. One of the strongest ways to increase in boldness is to distribute it to others. What you impart into others multiplies in you. When you teach others about boldness, they will become like 'watchmen' around you, looking at your life. That consciousness will put you on your toes to keep up in boldness. That is why the captains or commanders in the army must of necessity be bold because they are being looked up to for boldness. **Helping others overcome their fears increases your boldness.** You will not want to fall short of boldness in an area you are encouraging someone about. That is why impact is the surest way to increase. Those who are thinking of themselves alone will live constantly in fear. When you are out to cast out a devil from others, you will live in victory over that devil.

Fear multiplied in Elijah's life when he left his servant in Beersheba (1 Kings 19:3-4). This is to say that, as you reduce your level of impact in boldness, you will suddenly begin to degenerate in fear.

When the apostles went to hide after Christ's death, they lacked boldness. But after the Holy Ghost came and they opened their mouth to impact the people, fear gave way. When they were later threatened to stop preaching, their refusal to stop imparting others with the boldness increased their own boldness. Hear this life time wisdom: **Any time you begin to decrease in anything, start looking for people to impact with the one you have, and you will notice a sudden rise again.**

### **DARE MORE SCARY THINGS**

When you stop daring, you start dwindling. When you sit with your last faith monument, you enter a new fear environment. Whatever you have dared in faith before is the smallest God has in mind for you as far as the future is concerned. God would have done more with Solomon but he settled too early. Imagine if he used the grace to control one thousand women to dare more things, what do you think he would have achieved?

When you keep daring, you become bolder to dare. When you stop daring, you begin to decrease in boldness. The more scary adventures you embark on, the more courage you attract into your life. Let every bold move establish you for another move. Don't over-celebrate the last adventure. What next? Let your celebration of the last bold act or feat; be with an eye on the next bold move. Such an attitude keeps one increasing in boldness. Make your life exciting by pursuing bigger visions per time. Let your mind be fixed on something bigger as the next move consciously. By so doing, you will keep seeing the almightiness of God in different dimensions as have never been seen before. There is something more, God can do with and through you. Can you dare to believe Him for something more?

Let the God that saw you through the last bold adventure be resorted to for the next one. Once God is approving it, go ahead boldly. Whenever you want to dare anything for God and there is fear in your heart, then God is likely telling you to go ahead; because God cannot be in support of fear but faith. I am not saying that anything you see, you should dare. Let lack of peace in your heart be the only restraining factor not fear! Dare when there is peace in your heart. Dare it despite fear. If it is lack of peace that is facing you, then you have to stop to check. But if it is fear, then God is releasing you to dare it in faith. Dare more and increase in boldness.

### **ACCEPT CHALLENGES**

It is challenges that make champions. It is the acceptance of challenge that makes one a victor. The devil keeps throwing challenges at us every day and it is meant by God to increase our boldness. It is not in running away that you are blessed but in running towards.

Accept challenge to confront that difficult subject in School. If you fear it, then it is challenging you for a contest. Don't see fearful sights as coincidence; see it as a call for fight. Only those who accept challenge increase in boldness. Jonathan accepted the challenge from the Philistines and God wrought a great victory.

***“And Jonathan said, ... come and let us go over unto the garrison of these uncircumcised; it may be that the Lord will work for us: for there is no restraint to the Lord to save by many or by few.... But if they say thus, come up unto us, then we will go up for the Lord hath delivered them into our hand and this shall be a sign unto us”***

***1 Samuel 14:6, 10***

The sign of constant deliverance is never seen until there is acceptance of challenge. God will never step in for you if you don't step out; but as

you step out, you will increase in boldness. The constant acceptance of challenge is the sure guarantee to overcome fear. **Anything that torments your memory in fear is what God is asking you to confront.**

David accepted the Goliath challenge and increased his C.V. He added Goliath to the list of challenges he had conquered. That increased his courage for more of life battles. Others were running from Goliath for forty days in fear but David came and the 'mountain' became a level ground (1 Samuel 17). Stop looking always for the easy way out. That is what keeps people in fear. The more you run from challenges, the more fearful you become. The more challenges you confront, the bolder you become. Don't make God look weak. Accept challenges and you will see more of what God can do through you, stop looking at the possibility of failing or missing it. See failing as part of success and you will not be running from challenges.

### **IF I DIE, I DIE**

The death of fear is when you no more fear death. When you are no more afraid of death, then the death of fear is confirmed. When you become ready for death nothing else will frighten you. When death is no more a threat, then fear will actually become a past tense. That is the highest level of boldness – confronting death.

Esther was ready to die and she became bold to dare what no one else has dared.

***“Go, gather all the Jews who are present in Shushan, and fast for me..... My maids and I will fast likewise. And so I will go to the King which is against the law, and if I perish, I perish!” Esther 4:16 (NKJV)***

Shedrach, Meshach and Abednego were ready to die and they were bold to stand before the king who wanted them to commit idolatry. They said:

***“O Nebuchadnezzar, we are not careful to answer thee in this matter. If it be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of thine hand, O King. But if not be it known unto thee, O King, that we will not serve thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up”***

***Daniel 3:16-18***

Daniel was ready to be devoured by hungry lions, and he was bold enough to pray as was his custom despite the contrary decree in the land that forbade prayers. The truth is that, those who don't fear death hardly die prematurely. Those who on the other hand fears death are the ones that die easily.

The right foundation to dare death is love for God and man. Any selfish desire that pushes you to dare death is foolishness. But establish it clearly in your heart that the fear of death should not be strong enough to keep you on one spot. Be determined to press forward in advancement despite fearful sights. Have that mindset and your life will be a progressive and a fulfilling life. You will have a joyful end if you refuse to let fear keep you on a spot. That is what Apostle Paul meant when he said:

***“But none of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy...” Acts 20:24***

Don't be thinking always of yourself, your comfort, or convenience and put God and men aside. That lifestyle leaves one in fear. Desire to please God and serve humanity like Esther; and you will live above fear.

# FEAR GOD FIRST.....

***“The fear of the LORD is the beginning....” Proverbs 1:7***

The boldness of God can only be connected with the fear of God. Until God becomes your highest object of reverence you can't connect with His fearless nature. Your reverence for God is established first by accepting His salvation offer through which access to Him is made possible. This salvation offer is accepted by accepting that you are a sinner that needs a savior, believing in your heart that Jesus is that savior and that God raised Him from the death for your justification; and to confess with your mouth Jesus to be your own savior. If you want the content of this book to be fully manifest in your life you need to make this commitment today. You can do so by praying this prayer meaning every word of it to give your life over to Jesus.

**“Lord Jesus, I thank you for dying for me because you love me; I thank you for also given me this opportunity to come to you. I repent of my sins and I ask you to come into my life; I submit my life completely to you and I receive strength from today to live for you all the days of my life in Jesus name. Amen”**

**CONGRATULATIONS!!!**

Now, you are a child of God and you have been empowered by Jesus to walk in boldness and live above fear just the way Jesus walked, all the days of your life. Get yourself established in God right away by planting yourself in a church where you will be nurtured and tutored in the ways of God.

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