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In this lesson you will learn three ways bold people face challenges in life.

**Intro:** Boldness is defined as the willingness to take risks and to act courageously or with confidence; to be free from intimidation. Boldness is oftentimes the forgotten ingredient in the Christian walk. Being bold means living with courage that makes you stand out. The true Christian life is an all-out war. The opportunities that come across your path in life may look a lot like opposition. David had to face a lion, a bear, and a giant that launched him into his destiny. You may have to face your giants in order to find your calling. God chooses the enemy connected to your destiny. Be bold as you face your giant.

**I. See with Eyes of Faith**

- A. When you look at your situation or your circumstances, do not be intimidated by all of the problems coming your way. Instead look out with your eyes of faith and see an opportunity for God to manifest his promises in your life. In the life of a believer, you cannot make your decisions based solely on what you see with your physical eyes. The Bible says the just shall walk by faith, not by sight (2 Cor 5:7). When you see with your spiritual eyes of faith, you can then have the boldness and the courage to meet your problems head on.

**II. Listen with an Ear ready to Obey**

- A. In order to live with boldness, you must listen to the right voice, and ignore the wrong voices. The wrong voices can fill your head with doubt and confusion. Listening to the voice of the Holy Spirit will put you on the path to victory and triumph (2 Cor 2:14). Once you have heard from God, be humble enough to submit to the directives that he gives you. His counsel may not make sense or sound logical to your mind. Don't try to reason it out, but be submitted and surrendered to God with an attitude ready to obey his every wish. The Bible says those who are willing and obedient will eat the good of the land (Isa 1:19).

**III. Move with a Heart of Courage even in Fear**

- A. Our life will go in the direction of our thoughts and emotions. We need to feed our faith with the promises of God that instill boldness in our hearts. We need to stop living on the defense all the time mentally and emotionally, and start stirring up an offensive mindset. The apostle Paul told Timothy that God had not given him a spirit of fear or timidity, but to stir up the gift of God on his life (2 Tim 1:6-7). David has to move with a heart of courage even after his city of Ziklag was burned and his wives and children were taken captive. He encouraged himself in the Lord and moved with boldness and faith to pursue the Amalekites. After he moved with boldness, he recovered all the spoils and all the captives (1 Sam 30:7-8).

**Discussion Questions**

1. Have you ever seen with your eyes of faith in the midst of adverse circumstances?
2. Are you willing to follow God no matter what directions he gives you to do?
3. Are you taking action against the giants you face in life?