

## **Be Fearless II**

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy 1:5-7**

*I have given you gifts; ability along with My divine power to take back territory from the enemy!*

### **Don't Sit On Your Gift!**

As we are taking a deeper look at living a life of fearlessness we are reminded by Paul in **2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy** that we must stir up the gift of God which is in us. Paul was reminding Timothy then; but God is reminding us now! In **Matthew 25**, Jesus taught about the Talents. Jesus was comparing Heaven to real life events based on the customs of that day. He wanted to take what was unseen (Heaven) and make it visible thus allowing the listeners to be able to comprehend His teachings. In this parable or story, Jesus teaches about 3 servants in particular and how two were faithful with the talents they were given. They were faithful because of their stewardship or management of their talents. They took what they were given and doubled it and were able to return to their lord a profit. The last servant out of fear took what he had been given and buried it. This upset his lord; because of his laziness it was seen as wickedness and his talents were given to one of the faithful servants. The unfaithful servant was then cast out. The gifts God gives to us, He fully expects us to use to multiply His Kingdom! Your gifts have been given to you for the benefit of others. You are a distribution center for God. God blesses us that we might be a blessing to others. You may have been given the gift of healing, whereby God healed you from Cancer and now you have a ministry of being able to pray for healing for others who are battling Cancer. God may have blessed you with being resourceful and now you are able to assist others with getting their needs met.

## **Don't Bury Your Gift!**

God said stop rethinking and rethinking the gifts and talents He has empowered you with. You find yourself being led by the Spirit to do a certain thing in someone else's life but you allow the 2<sup>nd</sup> voice to talk you out of acting on what God has said. In doing so the recipient of the blessing has now become spiritually malnourished. If something is continually malnourished it becomes weak. Your job is to step out in faith and begin to operate in your gifts. By stepping out in your gift it will validate to the recipient that God knows and cares about what's going on in their life. Don't worry your gift will make room for you. It has been given to you to be great! You have been given at least one gift. You may try to disqualify your gift because you consider yourself too damaged but you must rethink on how you think about yourself. When you think this way you are now in a weakened state and God can't use you. If you think of yourself as a person who is damaged it will restrict you because you are saying essentially "I am beyond repair. I am not operating at full capacity." Let the past be the past. Satan is notorious for this line, "How can God use you when you have done (fill in the blank). The day you accepted Jesus as your Lord and Savior you were restored to wholeness in Christ. Start talking back to the devil and remind him that through the blood of Christ you have been forgiven! God has not given us the spirit of fear! Ministry is birthed out of mistakes. When you have a past you become more understanding of other people who have a past. In **1<sup>st</sup> Peter 4:10**, Peter writes: each one of us has received a gift and it is to be used to minister to one another, this is the definition of a good steward. This gifting is given to Christians by God's grace. Don't believe the enemy when he tries to tell you, you can't be used by God. You have the ability to hear from God and follow His leading but the devil will try to get in the way. You have been given the authority to overcome his distractions.

### **Romans 8:31, says if God is for us who can be against us?**

When you make that decision to be bold and walk out what God has gifted you to do the first thing that will come against you is your circumstances. Read the account of Peter walking on water (**Matthew 14**) we see that he allowed

distractions around him kept him from continuing on the water. Peter should have thought to himself “I am walking on water. What difference does it make what the wind and waves are doing? I am already doing the impossible!” Have you found yourself talking yourself out of an idea that God has given you based on your current situation? Let’s say you had a dream about winning lotto numbers. Would it be wise to go and play the lotto? If you are like most people you answered YES! to this question. Why is it when God shows you what to do you won’t do it? You were brave when you were living a life without God but now that you have become saved you have become a wimp. Stretch out on your gift! Gifts are welcome here! The problem with churches is that preaching, singing and playing instruments are seen as a higher gifting. This is because these are the gifts that are out front. There are many more gifts crucial to the body of Christ. What you need to do is find a place to operate in your gift. Don’t put your efforts into worldly things. Everything is not good just because it looks good.

### **Fear comes in different package:**

1. Comparison-comparing yourself to others
2. Self Doubt
3. Complaining

### **Operate In Boldness**

You have been empowered to overcome fear. Your mental capacity overcomes ability because there is tenacity or a refusal to give up. The anecdote to fear is power! You can do more with less talent if you have more brain power. Are you using your power in a wrong way? Are you using your power to be a thug? How about the drug dealer? The drug dealer has tenacity; he believes he is smart enough not to get caught even though the odds are stacked against him. He believes he can beat the system and for a while he does. He makes the money but the money he made he has to use to get out of jail. In order for a drug dealer to carry this out he has to be perfect. The world requires perfection. God doesn’t even require that. Not only do we have to have mental tenacity

but we must operate in love. Love is an act; it is the way we treat one another. In order for us to be able to operate in boldness we must also be selfless. It's not all about you. Your gift is to be utilized for the benefit of others that God might be glorified. You must also have a sound mind! Circumstances and situations will try to rob you of this sound mind, a mind of consistent peace and joy. Some robbers look like frustration and comparison. Frustration comes when you try to be someone you're not. Be who you are great, amazing, uniquely designed by God purposely built for His glory!