



Title: Unblocking the wells IV – breaking intimidation
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A spirit of intimidation uses different lies:

- You have nothing to add or contribute
- There are enough capable people to do the job
- No-one is interested in your opinion
- You are stupid
- You are not a leader
- Don't even try, you are going to fail and look like a fool

Effect of intimidation:

- It makes us extremely self conscious, making you evaluate and investigate everything we do and say
- It steals our joy and makes us lose perspective
- Our gifts become dormant and our strengths become ineffective.
- It steals our confidence and boldness, which is crucial to
 - a) fulfil the call of God on your life
 - b) to be effective in your workplace, in your job, in your studies, in your career, as a mom/dad

Breaking free from a spirit of intimidation:

2 Timothy 1:7 (NIV)

For God has not given us a spirit of timidity, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.

NB: For God has not given us a spirit of intimidation, but **gives us the power to choose love, which will lead to a sound mind.**

How does choosing love break the spirit of intimidation? We focus on those around us, we focus on loving the people around us, we put ourselves in their shoes and we look away from our inabilities, fears and insecurities. That empowers us to do things we would have never done.

- **Equip yourself**
- **Give it another try**
- **Do it afraid**
Courage is not the absence of fear. It is action in the presence of fear!
- **Knowing that God is with you and for you**
Joshua 1:7-9 "...for the Lord our God is with you wherever you go". Knowing that God is with you will give you boldness and confidence.
- **Baptism in the Holy Spirit (most important one)**
Acts 1:8
But you shall receive power (ability, efficiency, and might) when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you shall be My witnesses...

Acts 4:31 (NKJ)

And when they had prayed, the place where they were assembled together was shaken and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and they spoke the word of God with **boldness**.

Boldness = Outspokenness unreserved utterance, cheerful courage, the opposite of cowardice, timidity or fear. This boldness is not a human quality but a result of being filled with the Holy Spirit.

Boldness and confidence are crucial to fulfil God's plan for our lives. Boldness and confidence are crucial to unblock the wells and the fountains in our lives.

Proverbs 28:1

The wicked flee when no one pursues, but the righteous are as bold as a lion.

Righteousness is the inheritance of the children of God based on what Jesus did on the cross. We don't work for it, we don't earn it. Boldness is the inheritance of the righteous. It is available, ready for us to receive and walk in it.