

Title: God is greater III – overcoming intimidation
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An **intimidating spirit** unleashes confusion, discouragement and frustration. Its goal is to cause you to lose your proper perspective. Everything will seem overwhelming, difficult or even impossible.

Intimidation is camouflaged and subtle. We feel its effects but does not always know the root. Effect could be: depression, heaviness, inferiority, fear, anxiety, panic attacks or insomnia.

How do we deal with intimidation?

So we have to 1) identify our enemy and then 2) we have to make war.

2 Cor 10:3-5 (NIV) “For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we **take captive every thought** to make it obedient to Christ.”

Why is it so important to realise that intimidation is a spirit and that we need to make war against it?

1. The devil wants to convince us that it is our personality, that we need to live with it and we can't do anything about it.
2. The devil wants to steal our calling, our destiny, our authority by intimidating us.

Our first weapon: Prophecy (God's rhema word)

1 Timothy 1:18 (NKJV) “This charge I commit to you, son Timothy, according to the prophecies previously made concerning you, that by them you may wage the good warfare.”

Our second weapon: Truth

Psalms 119:11 (NKJV) “Your word I have hidden in my heart...”

The word of God must be on our lips and in our hearts and we should meditate in it day and night. When we hide God's word in our hearts, the Holy Spirit is faithful to bring it to our remembrance when we need it. We have to read the Word, study the Word, meditate on the Word and memorise the Word.

Our third weapon: The Spirit

Zechariah 3:6b (NKJV) “...not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit says the Lord of Hosts.”

Acts 4:31 (NKJV) “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, freedom of speech, cheerful courage, the opposite of cowardice, timidity or fear.

This kind of boldness is not a human quality, but a result of being filled with the Holy Spirit.

Our fourth weapon: Authority

Luke 10:19 (NKJV) “Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you.”