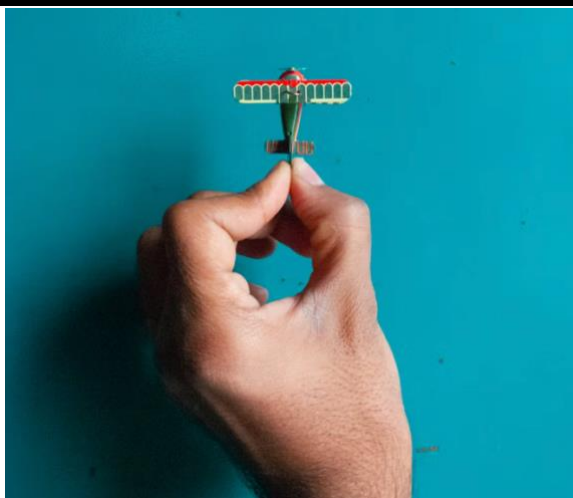




STOP PLAYING SMALL



“Be watchful, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong.” — 1 Corinthians 16:13

There’s a quiet lie that many men live with: “Just stay comfortable. Don’t rock the boat. Keep it safe.”

That lie is killing you.

It’s keeping you passive in your home. Silent when you should speak. Still when God has called you to move. You weren’t created to blend in—you were called to stand firm.

Paul doesn’t say “act like boys.” He says act like men.

That means responsibility. That means courage. That means stepping into spaces where you feel unqualified but knowing God has already equipped you.

Too many men are waiting to feel ready before they obey God. But readiness isn’t a feeling—it’s a decision. Faith isn’t about comfort; it’s about movement.

David didn’t feel ready when he faced Goliath. He stepped forward anyway.

Joshua didn't feel ready when Moses died. God told him, "Be strong and courageous." Not because Joshua felt strong—but because God was with him.

You don't need more motivation. You need obedience.

Where are you playing small?

- **Avoiding hard conversations?**
- **Neglecting your role as a spiritual leader?**
- **Settling for mediocrity in your walk with God?**

Let's call it what it is: fear disguised as comfort.

And fear has no place in a man of valor.

God is not asking you to be perfect—He's asking you to be present. To show up. To stand firm. To lead even when your voice shakes.

This is your moment to stop shrinking and start stepping into the man God designed you to be.

Reflection Questions:

- 1. Where in my life am I choosing comfort over obedience?**
- 2. What is one step of boldness God is calling me to take today?**
- 3. Who is impacted by my passivity?**

Challenge:

Today, take one bold step you've been avoiding—have the conversation, make the decision, or step into leadership. No delay.

Prayer:

Lord, strip away my fear and passivity. Build in me a bold, steady faith that stands firm no matter the cost. Help me act like a man who trusts You completely. Amen.