

NOTES & DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

DO NOT BE: INTIMIDATED

SERMON SUMMARY

This sermon, “Do Not Be Intimidated,” explores how fear can change the direction of our obedience and silence our faith. Using Genesis 3 and Philippians 1:27–28, it shows that intimidation causes us to hide, retreat, and focus on our inadequacy, while God calls us to stand together, live boldly, and keep moving forward in faith. The message ultimately reminds us that we can feel afraid without letting fear decide what we do next—because Jesus calls us out of hiding and into faithful obedience.

KEY POINTS

- Fear is inevitable and your response is a direct reflection of your faith.
- Intimidation is a tool Satan uses to silence your faith.
 - The enemy doesn't have to destroy your faith if he can silence your witness.
- If intimidation is what Satan uses to silence your faith, then faith is what God uses to silence the intimidation.
- 3 ways faith silences intimidation:
 - Let your life match your faith.
 - Strengthen your faith by standing together.
 - Stretch your faith by striving together.
 - You need people to push you and press you to go faster.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. **What is the difference between feeling afraid and being intimidated? Can you think of a time when fear influenced what you chose to do or not do?**
2. **Adam said, “I was afraid...so I hid.” What are some ways fear can cause us to hide, withdraw, or stay silent in our relationship with God or others?**
3. **Intimidation can shift our focus from God to our own inadequacy. What are some fears about what other people think that can keep us from living boldly in our faith?**

4. **Paul tells the church to “stand together” and “strive together.” Why is community so important when we are facing fear, opposition, or discouragement? Who has helped strengthen your faith?**
5. **“I may feel afraid, but fear doesn’t get to decide what I do next.” What is one area of your life where you feel intimidated right now, and what would it look like to stop hiding and start standing?**