

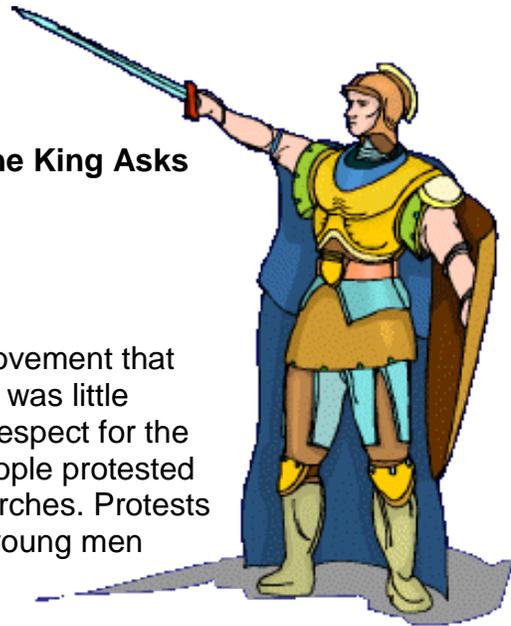
Be Brave, Be Bold Messages
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[Suggested Ages 8-17] Will you do What the King Asks?

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Method of Presentation:

Introduction:

When I was not much older than you, I saw a movement that challenged authority. It was the 1960s and there was little respect for leaders in our government and little respect for the leadership that our parents had in the home. People protested the Vietnam War in the streets with riots and marches. Protests against many of our laws were common. Many young men left the USA rather than serve in the military during war time.



In the news today, we see people in the world doing the same thing in many countries. Authority is defied. In our homes today we see families that don't get along. Husbands and wives are fighting and children do not obey their parents. If you notice people in the store with their kids, it looks like obeying is about to become extinct.

It is nice to be able to go to the Bible and look at an example of someone that had great respect for a king that ruled over him and then extended that respect to his son when he became king.

Read 1 Kings 5: 1-8 And Hiram King of Tyre sent his servants unto Solomon; for he had heard that they had anointed him king in the room of his father: for Hiram was ever a lover of David. And Solomon sent to Hiram, saying, Thou knowest how that David my father could not build an house unto the name of the Lord his God for the wars which were about him on every side, until the Lord put them under the soles of his feet. But now the Lord my God hath given me rest on every side, so that there is neither adversary nor evil occurrent. And behold I purpose to build an house unto the name of the Lord my God, as the Lord spake unto David my father, saying, Thy son, whom I will set upon thy throne in thy room, he shall build an house unto my name. Now therefore command thou that they hew me cedar trees out of Lebanon; and my servants shall be with thy servants; and unto thee will I give hire for thy servants according to all that thou shalt appoint; for thou knowest that there is not among us any that can skill to hew timber like unto the Sidonians. And it came to pass, when Hiram heard the words of Solomon, that he rejoiced greatly, and said, Blessed be the Lord this day, which hath given unto David a wise son over this great people. And Hiram sent to Solomon saying, I have considered the things which thou sentest to me for; and I will do all thy desire concerning timber of cedar, and concerning timber of fir.

Hiram, King of Tyre, understood that God's blessing was on King David. He also saw that Solomon, his son, was a wise man and was chosen of God. Hiram didn't get jealous or wish that God had chosen him to be a world leader. He was content with being the King of a City [more like a Mayor] and he understood that his position was the will of God.

Message Points:

1. **Respect People in Authority:**

- † *1 Timothy 2: 1-2* Pray for everyone that is put in authority over you. Also, let them know you are thankful.
- † *Ephesians 6:5* Even when you feel that conditions are not just, God tells you to respect them completely, just like you respect Christ.
- † *Hebrews 13:17* Remember, God holds them accountable for their leadership just like He holds you accountable for the way you serve the Lord and follow the leadership that God has established.

2. **Reach for the Goals of your Leaders:**

- † *Joshua 4:14* *On that day the Lord magnified Joshua in the sight of all Israel; and they feared him, as they feared Moses, all the days of his life.*
- † No one is in authority by accident. Can you imagine God saying “Oops, I didn’t know he was going to be president?” God sets up rulers and he takes them down at the right time. There are things to be accomplished. Follow the leadership that is set up instead of fighting. It not only helps the leaders; It also helps you.
- † *Joshua 21:45* *There failed not ought of any good thing which the Lord had spoken unto the house of Israel; all came to pass.*

3. **Realize that it is Best to Obey:**

- † *1 Samuel 15: 22-23* *Hath the Lord as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the Lord? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams. For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry.*
- † When you disobey the direct teaching of God’s Word, you are in iniquity [wickedness] and you may as well go bow down to some idol.

4. **Remember Who Our Great King is:**

- † *Matthew 8:27* *But the men marveled, saying, what manner of man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey him!* If our Lord has control over the wind and sea, why won’t you give him control of our life?
- † *Hebrews 5:9* *And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him,”* Why would you refuse to obey the One who purchased eternal salvation for you?
- † *Revelations 19:9, 11-16* God’s word is true and He really is coming back. He is the victor.