



## Lion Maker

### A Call to Personal Growth, Maturity, Wholeness & Impact

**Colossians 1:28, 29 – The Message:** *“That is the substance of our Message. We preach Christ, warning people not to add to the Message. We teach in a spirit of profound common sense so that we can bring each person to maturity. To be mature is to be basic. Christ! No more, no less. That’s what I’m working so hard at day after day, year after year, doing my best with the energy God so generously gives me.”*

**II Timothy 2:1, 2 – The Message:** *So, my son, throw yourself into this work for Christ. Pass on what you heard from me—the whole congregation saying Amen! —to reliable leaders who are competent to teach others.*

**II Samuel 23:39 – “... thirty-seven in all.”**

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LION MAKER – RAISE YOUR SPEAR!  
Jesus calls us to BOTH – BE a Lion and GO make Lions

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**Bible Verses:** Luke 2:52; Matthew 28:18-20, II Samuel 23:8-17

**Music:** I Won’t Let Go - Rascal Flatts [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qA0YKJ0\\_lvk](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qA0YKJ0_lvk)

**Video:** Braveheart: William Wallace Freedom Speech <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TME0xubdHQc>

**Resources: Book:** CHASE THE LION – *If Your Dream Doesn’t Scare You, It’s Too Small* by Mark Batterson

### LION MAKER – BE A DISCIPLE

Luke 2:52 →

*And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man.*

1. **Physical** Growth
2. **Emotional** Growth
3. **Social/Relational** Growth
4. **Spiritual** Growth

### LION MAKER – GO MAKE DISCIPLES – RAISE YOUR SPEAR! – II Samuel 23:8.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ → I want to die doing what I love to do, doing what God has called me to do. I want to pursue God-sized dreams until the die I die. And if it kills me, so be it. I am NOT convinced that our true date of death is the date listed on our death certificate. Sadly, many people die long before their heart stops beating. We start dying the day we stop dreaming. And ironically, we start living the day we discover a dream worth dying for. We die when our hearts stop skipping a beat in pursuit of our passions, when our hearts stop breaking for the things that break the heart of God.
  1. I need a life goal to keep me going.
  2. I need a noble cause to keep me committed.
  3. I need a God-sized dream to keep me from getting demotivated.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ → There are genesis moments in every dream journey that radically change the plot line of our lives. It’s impossible to predict when or where or how they will occur. But once the door to the future opens, the door to the past slams shut. There is no turning back. It’s a new day, a new normal. English novelist Graham Greene: *“There is always one moment in childhood when the door opens and lets the future in.”* When was the last time you attempted something that was destined to fail without divine intervention? Job 38 & 39 has 51 unanswerable questions that God asked during his pop quiz of Job.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ → Every God-sized dream has a genesis—a God-ordained opportunity, a God-given passion. But at some point you need to raise your spear of faith. That’s how the door opens and lets the future in.
  1. What spear do you need to raise?
  2. What odds do you need to defy?
  3. What verse do you need to interpret with your life?

### ACTION: Journal This!

1. What are your DREAMS? Would you share what ACTION you are taking as a result of this series?
2. What moment in your childhood has significantly shaped your life?
3. What ACTION will you take to pursue your DREAMS?

"I Won't Let Go" by Rascal Flatts

<p>It's like a storm That cuts a path It breaks your will It feels like that You think you're lost But you're not lost on your own You're not alone I will stand by you I will help you through When you've done all you can do And you can't cope I will dry your eyes I will fight your fight I will hold you tight And I won't let go It hurts my heart To see you cry</p>	<p>I know it's dark This part of life Oh it finds us all And we're too small To stop the rain Oh but when it rains I will stand by you I will help you through When you've done all you can do And you can't cope I will dry your eyes I will fight your fight I will hold you tight And I won't let you fall Don't be afraid to fall I'm right here to catch you</p>	<p>I won't let you down It won't get you down You're gonna make it Yeah I know you can make it Cause I will stand by you I will help you through When you've done all you can do And you can't cope And I will dry your eyes I will fight your fight I will hold you tight And I won't let go Oh I'm gonna hold you And I won't let go Won't let you go No I won't</p>
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**Bible Verses – The Message**

<p><b>Luke 2:52 - 52</b> And Jesus matured, growing up in both body and spirit, blessed by both God and people.</p> <p><b>Matthew 28:18-20 - 18</b> Jesus, undeterred, went right ahead and gave his charge: "God authorized and commanded me to commission you: <b>19</b> Go out and train everyone you meet, far and near, in this way of life, marking them by baptism in the threefold name: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. <b>20</b> Then instruct them in the practice of all I have commanded you. I'll be with you as you do this, day after day after day, right up to the end of the age."</p> <p><b>II Samuel 23:8-17 - 8</b> This is the listing of David's top men. Joshebbasshebeth, the Tahkemonite. He was chief of the Three. He once put his spear to work against eight hundred - killed them all in a day.<b>9</b> Eleazar son of Dodai the Ahohite was the next of the elite Three. He was with David when the Philistines poked fun at them at Pas Dammim. When the Philistines drew up for battle, Israel retreated.<b>10</b> But Eleazar stood his ground and killed Philistines right and left until he was exhausted - but he</p>	<p>never let go of his sword! A big win for God that day. The army then rejoined Eleazar, but all there was left to do was the clean-up.<b>11</b> Shammah son of Agee the Hararite was the third of the Three. The Philistines had mustered for battle at Lehi, where there was a field full of lentils. Israel fled before the Philistines <b>12</b>, but Shammah took his stand at the center of the field, successfully defended it, and routed the Philistines. Another great victory for God! <b>13</b> One day during harvest, the Three parted from the Thirty and joined David at the Cave of Adullam. A squad of Philistines had set up camp in the Valley of Rephaim.<b>14</b> While David was holed up in the Cave, the Philistines had their base camp in Bethlehem <b>15</b> David had a sudden craving and said, "Would I ever like a drink of water from the well at the gate of Bethlehem!"<b>16</b> So the Three penetrated the Philistine lines, drew water from the well at the gate of Bethlehem, and brought it back to David. But David wouldn't drink it; he poured it out as an offering to God, <b>17</b> saying, "There is no way, God, that I'll drink this! This isn't mere water, it's their life-blood - they risked their very lives to bring it!" So David refused to drink it. This is the sort of thing that the Three did.</p>
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**Lion Maker Declaration**

<p>I will quit living as if the purpose of life is to arrive safely at death. Be the Lion! I will set God-sized goals. I will pursue God-given passions. I will go after a dream that is destined to fail without divine intervention. Be the Lion! I will stop pointing out problems. I will become part of the solution. I will stop repeating the past. I will start creating my future. Be the Lion! I will face my fears. I will fight for my dreams. I will grab opportunity by the mane and not let go! Be the Lion! I will live like today is the first day and last day of my life. I will burn sinful bridges. I will blaze new trails.</p>	<p>I will pursue the next Adventure! Be the Lion! I will live for the applause of nail-scarred hands. I will not let what's wrong with me Keep me from whispering what's right with God. Be the Lion! I will dare to fail. I will dare to be different. I will quit holding out. I will quit holding back. I will quit running away. I will use my gifts and brokenness to impact others. I will seek to be a brother and father to other men. I will live in community. I will fight! <b>I Will Be the Lion!</b> <b>I will seek to be like Jesus!</b></p>
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