



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.”

Bible Verses: Luke 2:52; Matthew 28:18-20, II Samuel 23:8-17, Revelation 3:7, Jeremiah 29:11-13, Genesis 12:1, 2
Music: Michael W. Smith - Surrounded (Fight My Battles) - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WamhEa4M7us>
Video: Bath Marcus Luttrell Motivation - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fujB7wIR1S4>
Resources: Book: CHASE THE LION – If Your Dream Doesn’t Scare You, It’s Too Small by Mark Batterson

A DREAM – written down with a Date becomes a ...

- **GOAL** – a Goal broken down into steps becomes a ...
- **PLAN** – a Plan backed by ...
- **ACTION** – makes your Dreams a ...
- **REALITY**

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 – ONE MORE! – II Samuel 23:9

1. _____ → Life is a game of inches. A 2-inch event can change the trajectory of your life. God is in the business of strategically positioning us in the right place at the right time. I don’t believe in coincidence, not if you are living a Spirit-led life. I believe in Providence. I believe in a Sovereign God who is ordering our footsteps, preparing good works in advance, and making all things work together for good. Focus on becoming the man God created you to be. If you keep doing the right things day in and day out, God will hold up His end of the bargain! When God tells you to go “just a little farther,” a divine appointment might be one inch away. Don’t miss the miracle!
2. _____ → Some of God’s best moves are closed doors. Revelation 3:7 – The promise—open doors and closed doors—God controls BOTH. Some of the greatest miracles of life are on the other side of a closed door. Someday you may thank God for the closed door even more than the open doors!
3. _____ → God has a plan of you. He holds your DESTINY in his hand. Destiny doesn’t make appointments. It usually shows up at the door unannounced. And it often knocks quietly, so you must LISTEN carefully. It shows up in a magazine, in a meeting, in a lecture. It shows up on vacation or on a mission trip. You don’t discover your destiny. Your destiny discovers you! It shows up in a field of lentils, in taunting Philistines, in a pit with a lion on a snowy day—Benaiah decided to fight of his destiny. God will make Himself known to you if you LISTEN. Jeremiah 29:11-13; Genesis 12:1, 2.

ACTION: Journal This!

1. What are your DREAMS? Would you share what ACTION you are taking because of this series?
2. What BATTLE are you facing Today? Where is your struggle? How are you being attacked?
3. What act of bravery and courage do you need to take today? What ACTION will you take to pursue your DREAMS?

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! I Will Be the Lion! I will seek to be like Jesus!</p>
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Surrounded (This is How I Fight My Battles) By Michael W. Smith

<p>The word says "For the spirit of heaviness Put on the garment of praise" That's how we fight our battles (yeah) This is how I fight my battles This is how I fight my battles (yeah, yes) This is how I fight my battles (what we're doing tonight) This is how I fight my battles Just when you think you're lost It may look like I'm surrounded but I'm surrounded by You, hey! It may look like I'm surrounded but I'm surrounded by You</p>	<p>It may look like I'm surrounded but I'm surrounded by You It may look like I'm surrounded but I'm surrounded by You This is how I fight my battles This is how I fight my battles (ohh) It may look like I'm surrounded but I'm surrounded by You It may look like I'm surrounded but I'm surrounded by You, hey!</p>	<p>It may look like I'm surrounded but I'm surrounded by You It may look like I'm surrounded but I'm surrounded by You This is how I fight my battles (hey) This is how I fight my battles This is how I fight my battles</p>
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Bible Verses – The Message

<p>Luke 2:52 - 52 And Jesus matured, growing up in both body and spirit, blessed by both God and people.</p> <p>Matthew 28:18-20 - 18 Jesus, undeterred, went right ahead and gave his charge: "God authorized and commanded me to commission you: 19 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. 20 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>II Samuel 23:8-17 - 8 This is the listing of David's top men. Josheb-Basshebeth, the Tahkemonite. He was chief of the Three. He once put his spear to work against eight hundred - killed them all in a day.9 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.10 But Eleazar stood his ground and killed Philistines right and left until he was exhausted - but he 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.11 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 12 , but Shammah took his stand at the center of the field, successfully defended it, and routed the</p>	<p>Philistines. Another great victory for God! 13 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.14 While David was holed up in the Cave, the Philistines had their base camp in Bethlehem 15 David had a sudden craving and said, "Would I ever like a drink of water from the well at the gate of Bethlehem!"16 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, 17 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> <p>Revelation 3:7 - 7 Write this to Philadelphia, to the Angel of the church. The Holy, the True - David's key in his hand, opening doors no one can lock, locking doors no one can open - speaks:</p> <p>Jeremiah 29:11-13 - 11 I know what I'm doing. I have it all planned out - plans to take care of you, not abandon you, plans to give you the future you hope for. 12 "When you call on me, when you come and pray to me, I'll listen. 13 "When you come looking for me, you'll find me.</p> <p>Genesis 12:1, 2 - 1 God told Abram: "Leave your country, your family, and your father's home for a land that I will show you. 2 I'll make you a great nation and bless you. I'll make you famous; you'll be a blessing.</p>
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