



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.”

Highland Colony Men’s Roundtable
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LION MAKER – LIFE DECISION!
Jesus calls us to BOTH – BE a Lion and GO make Lions

November 4, 2022

Bible Verses: Luke 2:52; Matthew 28:18-20, II Samuel 23:8-17, Jeremiah 29:11-13
Music: Zach Williams - No Longer Slaves https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bDnA_coA168
Video: Gladiator - My Name is Maximus <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X1UmHfWCw-4>
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 – LIFE DECISION! – II Samuel 23:10

1. _____ → There is nothing in this world that does not have a decisive moment. There are opportunities all around you all the time—opportunities to show kindness, opportunities to show courage. You must be ready to seize the opportunity. The decision you make may take good old-fashioned guts. If Eleazar had calculated the odds, doing a thorough cost-benefit analysis, he probably would have run away with the rest of the retreaters. But Eleazar had a few battles under his belt. He not only trusted his training. He trusted his gut instincts, and they were gutsy! The word retreat wasn’t in Eleazar’s vocabulary. Neither was defeat. It wasn’t fight or flight or freeze or fawn. It was FACE—fight for your life, fight to the death! Our natural tendency is to think the way we’ve always thought and do things the way we’ve always done them. It’s hard to break old habits and hard to build new habits. But if you want God to do something new, you can’t keep doing the same thing. What do you need to stop doing today? What do you need to start doing today? Whether it’s a stop-doing list or a start-doing list, a dream without a to-do list is called a wish-list.
2. _____ → When we fail to act, we forfeit the future. And just as inaction is an action, indecision is a decision. “The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing.” – Edmund Burke & Chuck Colson. In his book **Decisive Moments in History**, author Stefan Zweig described “a single moment determines and decides everything: a single YES, a single NO, a too early or a too late makes that hour irrevocable for a hundred generations and determines the life of an individual, a people, and even the destiny of all mankind.”
3. _____ → Eleazar was a man who understood the times. He not only saw an opportunity, but he seized it. He didn’t shrink in fear. He stepped up, stepped in. And most important, he knew what battlefield he was willing to die on. Like Eleazar, you need to identify the battlefield you’re willing to die on. Then you need to fight the good fight until you hand freezes to the sword.

ACTION: Journal This!

1. What are your DREAMS? Would you share what ACTION you are taking because of this series?
2. What do you need to stop doing today? What do you need to start-doing today?
3. What act of bravery and courage do you need to take today? What ACTION will you take to pursue your DREAMS?



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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! I Will Be the Lion! I will seek to be like Jesus!</p>
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"No Longer Slaves" by Zach Williams

<p>I'm no longer a slave to fear Oh, I am a child of God Oh, I'm no longer a slave to fear Oh, I am a child of God You unravel me with a melody And You surround me with a song Of deliverance from my enemies Until all my fears are gone And I'm no longer a slave to fear Oh, I am a child of God I'm no longer a slave to fear Oh, I am a child of God From my mother's womb You have chosen me Your Love has called my name And I've been born again into your family Oh, Your blood flows through my veins</p>	<p>And I'm no longer a slave to fear Oh, I am a child of God I'm no longer a slave to fear Oh, I am a child of God I'm no longer a slave to fear Oh, I am a child of God And I'm no longer a slave to fear Oh, I am a child of God Oh, oh Oh, oh, oh I am surrounded (oh, oh) By the arms of the Father (oh, oh, oh) And I am surrounded (oh, oh) By songs of deliverance We've been liberated From our bondage (oh, oh) We're the sons and the daughters Let us sing our freedom (oh, oh, oh) Oh, oh Oh, oh, oh</p>	<p>You split the sea So I could walk right through it My fears were drowned in perfect love You rescued me And I will stand and sing I am a child of God, yeah You split the sea So I could walk right through it My fears were drowned in perfect love You rescued me And I will stand and sing I am a child of God Yes, I am a child of God Yes I am, I am a child of God 'Cause I'm no longer a slave to fear Oh, I am a child of God Oh, I'm no longer a slave to fear Oh, I am a child of God That was amazing, guys Thank y'all</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-</p>	<p>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 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>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>
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