



## 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 – NO QUIT!**  
Jesus calls us to BOTH – BE a Lion and GO make Lions

**November 11, 2022**

**Bible Verses:** Luke 2:52; Matthew 28:18-20, II Samuel 23:8-17, Leviticus 23:39-43  
**Music:** He Will Hold Me Fast: Prayer for Peace <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZaHUhGn7smU>  
**Video:** Hacksaw Ridge: Doss earns everyone’s respect [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6\\_uGBJQM5II](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6_uGBJQM5II)  
**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 – NO QUIT! – II Samuel 23:10 – “... but he never let go of his sword!”**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ → Success is not sexy. It’s sweaty! Success is not glamorous. It’s gritty! Like Eleazar, you have to vice-grip your sword and keep fighting for your dream. When it comes to discerning the will of God, I believe you have to be released from and called to. The calling is easier to discern than the releasing. If God has released you, then continuing to do what you’ve been doing isn’t faithfulness. It’s disobedience. You need to let it go. And don’t look back. If God hasn’t released you, don’t let go! You have to hang in there. Eleazar’s courage and “NO QUIT” set the stage for the next sentence in verse 10 – “The Lord brought a great victory that day.” This could be the greatest year of your life, your dream year, but you have to win the day. That’s how you win the week, win the month, win the year. No one achieves his dream without daily disciplines.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ → Whatever dream journey you’re on, you have to take it one step at a time. And if you keep doing the right things day in and day out, one day God is going to show up and show out. We live in a culture that celebrates fifteen minutes of fame, but God honors a lifetime of faithfulness. If you keep doing the right things day in and day out, look out. Somehow ... someday ... God will show UP!
3. \_\_\_\_\_ → In every dream journey that are Ebenezer moments. You have to celebrate those milestones by building altars. Then you have to surround yourself with those life symbols so you don’t forget what God wants you to remember. Our greatest shortcoming is not feeling good enough about what God has done right. When we undercelebrate, we fall short of the glory of God! CELEBRATE!!! Leviticus 23:39-43.

**ACTION: Journal This!**

1. What are your DREAMS? Would you share what ACTION you are taking as a result of this series?
2. Are you a Quitter? How do you respond to the idea of needing practice and discipline to achieve your dream?
3. What life goals do you have that will take a lifetime to accomplish?



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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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### "He Will Hold Me Fast" : Prayer for Peace

<p>When I fear my faith will fail,                  Christ will hold me fast;                  When the tempter would prevail,                  He will hold me fast.                  I could never keep my hold                  Through life's fearful path;                  For my love is often cold;                  He must hold me fast.                  He will hold me fast,                  He will hold me fast;                  For my Savior loves me so,                  He will hold me fast.</p>	<p>Those He saves are His delight,                  Christ will hold me fast;                  Precious in His holy sight,                  He will hold me fast.                  He'll not let my soul be lost;                  His promises shall last;                  Bought by Him at such a cost,                  He will hold me fast.                  He will hold me fast,                  He will hold me fast;                  For my Savior loves me so,                  He will hold me fast.</p>	<p>For my life He bled and died,                  Christ will hold me fast;                  Justice has been satisfied;                  He will hold me fast.                  Raised with Him to endless life,                  He will hold me fast                  'Till our faith is turned to sight                  When He comes at last!                  He will hold me fast,                  He will hold me fast;                  For my Savior loves me so,                  He will hold me fast.</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. 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.<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 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.</p>	<p>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> <p><b>Leviticus 23:39-43 - 39</b> "So, summing up: On the fifteenth day of the seventh month, after you have brought your crops in from your fields, celebrate the Feast of God for seven days. The first day is a complete rest and the eighth day is a complete rest. <b>40</b> On the first day, pick the best fruit from the best trees; take fronds of palm trees and branches of leafy trees and from willows by the brook and celebrate in the presence of your God for seven days <b>41</b> yes, for seven full days celebrate it as a festival to God. Every year from now on, celebrate it in the seventh month. <b>42</b> Live in booths for seven days - every son and daughter of Israel is to move into booths <b>43</b> so that your descendants will know that I made the People of Israel live in booths when I brought them out of the land of Egypt. I am God, your God."</p>
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