



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 – The Place of Preparation and The Willingness to Die!
Jesus calls us to BOTH – BE a Lion and GO make Lions

January 5, 2023

Bible Verses: Luke 2:52; Matthew 28:18-20, II Samuel 23:8-17, I Samuel 22:1-5, Hebrews 11:32-37

Music: Psalm 34 - Taste and See - by Shane & Shane <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yOzf0VrDNGU>

Video: TAKE THE RISK – <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OuuTAhkdTmA>

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 – A PLACE OF PREPARATION! – II Samuel 23:13 – “... at the Cave of Adullam.” (I Samuel 22:1-5)

1. _____ → The Cave of Adullam was a dark place, a difficult time. That’s where David’s trust was tempered, where faith was forged. That’s where David discovered what it meant to give God the sacrifice of praise. The Cave of Adullam wasn’t where David *wanted* to be, but it’s where David *needed* to be for a season. Dreams are born in difficult times. The Dream is *from God and for God*.
2. _____ → The Cave of Adullam was the last place on earth David wanted to be, but sometimes that is when God has you right where He wants you. Almost every Dream goes through some sort of holding pattern, and it can feel like a holding cell. When David thought the plan wasn’t working, God was working His plan.
3. _____ → David’s resume as a warrior-king was impressive. Lots of battles won lot of kingdoms conquered. But his most enduring legacy may be as a singer-songwriter—David singing the blues. See Psalms 34, 57, and 142. David’s men sang harmony! Like David, we need mighty men to fight us and for us. Let God write music in you, and through you.

LION MAKER – THE WILLINGNESS TO DIE! – II Samuel 23:17 – “... they risked their very lives to bring it!”

1. _____ → We live in a culture that idolizes success and demonizes failure. But in God’s kingdom the outcome isn’t the issue. Success isn’t winning or losing; it’s obeying. In God’s book success is spelled stewardship. It’s making the most of the time, talent, and treasure God has given us. It’s doing the best you can with what you have where you are. God doesn’t call us to win, He sometimes just calls us to try.
2. _____ → The goal isn’t winning. The goal is God’s glory. We are to live according to Joshua 3:5 – “*Sanctify yourselves. Tomorrow God will work miracle-wonders among you.*” Our job is to consecrate ourselves. And if we do our job—if we go all in and all out, day in and day out—God is going to show up and show off.
3. _____ → The key to pursuing your dream is going it for intrinsic reasons. In other words, it can’t be about fame or fortune. The will of God is not wealth, health, and prosperity. It’s not even winning. The will of God is the glory of God (Hebrews 11:32-37). The will of God might get you killed. But if God gets the glory, goal accomplished.

ACTION: Journal This!

1. What are your DREAMS? Would you share what ACTION you are taking because of this series?
2. WHERE IS THE PLACE that God has used to shape you and change your life?
3. Why might God call you to go into a situation without promising you success/victory?



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"Psalm 34 – Taste and See" by Shane & Shane

<p>I sought the Lord And He answered me And delivered me From every fear Those who look on Him Are radiant They'll never be ashamed They'll never be ashamed This poor man cried And the Lord heard me And saved me from My enemies The Son of God Surrounds His saints</p>	<p>He will deliver them He will deliver them Magnify the Lord with me Come exalt His name together Glorify the Lord with me Come exalt His name forever Taste and see That the Lord is good Oh blessed is he Who hides in Him Oh fear the Lord Oh all you saints He'll give you everything He'll give you everything</p>	<p>Magnify the Lord with me Come exalt His name together Glorify the Lord with me Come exalt His name forever Let us bless the Lord Every day and night Never ending praise May our incense rise Magnify the Lord with me Come exalt His name together Glorify the Lord with me Come exalt His name forever</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 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</p>	<p>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>I Samuel 22:1-5 - 1 So David got away and escaped to the Cave of Adullam. When his brothers and others associated with his family heard where he was, they came down and joined him. 2 Not only that, but all who were down on their luck came around - losers and vagrants and misfits of all sorts. David became their leader. There were about four hundred in all. 3 Then David went to Mizpah in Moab. He petitioned the king of Moab, "Grant asylum to my father and mother until I find out what God has planned for me." 4 David left his parents in the care of the king of Moab. They stayed there all through the time David was hiding out. 5 The prophet Gad told David, "Don't go back to the cave. Go to Judah." David did what he told him. He went to the forest of Hereth.</p> <p>Hebrews 11:32-37 - 32 I could go on and on, but I've run out of time. There are so many more - Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, David, Samuel, the prophets. . . 33 Through acts of faith, they toppled kingdoms, made justice work, took the promises for themselves. They were protected from lions, 34 fires, and sword thrusts, turned disadvantage to advantage, won battles, routed alien armies. 35 Women received their loved ones back from the dead. There were those who, under torture, refused to give in and go free, preferring something better: resurrection. 36 Others braved abuse and whips, and, yes, chains and dungeons. 37 We have stories of those who were stoned, sawed in two, murdered in cold blood; stories of vagrants wandering the earth in animal skins, homeless, friendless, powerless -</p>
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