



## 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 – I WILL RUN TO THE ROAR!**  
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, II Samuel 23:18-23  
**Music:** Covert War by David Wilcox - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OkxMjFz6pvc>  
**Video:** Nate Larkin - I Am Second - <https://vimeo.com/384617385>  
**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 – I WILL FIGHT!**

– II Samuel 23:20-23 – *“A VALIANT MAN ... A DOER OF GREAT DEEDS.”*

1. \_\_\_\_\_ → Fighters don’t walk away when the going gets tough; they fight to the finish for their convictions. Fighters don’t give up when everyone is against them; they fight against the status quo. And fighters don’t shrink back when the odds are against them; they fight back for what they believe. The Enemy comes to steal your joy, kill your dreams, and destroy your life. Jesus came that you might have life! Will YOU fight?
2. \_\_\_\_\_ → Valor is a gift. Those having it never know for sure whether they have it till the test comes. Valor is running toward trouble when everyone else is running away. Until the pain of staying the same becomes greater than the pain of change, nothing happens!
3. \_\_\_\_\_ → Delayed obedience disguised as prudence is disobedience. Faith isn’t logical or illogical; it’s theological. Faith isn’t prudent or imprudent; it’s valiant. *“What if the life you really want, and the future God wants for you, is hiding right now in your biggest problem, your worst failure, your greatest fear?”* – from *In a Pit with a Lion on a Snowy Day*.

**LION MAKER – I WILL RUN TO THE ROAR!**

– II Samuel 23:20 – *“... he climbed down into a pit and killed a lion.”*

1. \_\_\_\_\_ → Don’t accumulate possessions; accumulate experiences. The sad reality is that most people spend their lives accumulating the wrong things. Instead of accumulating experiences, they accumulate possessions. The day you stop dreaming is the day you start dying!
2. \_\_\_\_\_ → Psychologists tell us that we’re born with two fears—the fear of falling and the fear of loud noises. Every other fear is learned, which means that every other fear can be unlearned. Faith is the process of unlearning those fears. “Perfect love casts out fear.” God is in the business of helping us overcome our fears, but HE often does it by bringing us face to face with our worst fears.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ → You can run away from what you’re afraid of, but you’ll be running the rest of your life. At some point you have to face your fear. And when you do, you’ll discover that fear itself is a coward in the face of courage. At the end of our lives, our greatest regrets won’t be the mistakes we made. It’ll be the opportunities we left on the table. What lion do you need to chase?

**ACTION: Journal This!**

1. What are your DREAMS? Would you share what ACTION you are taking as a result of this series?
2. What battle are you facing today?
3. What opportunity do you have to “kill a lion”?

**"Covert War" by David Wilcox**

<p>Dear Mom and Dad          Here's why I can't home          I can talk to either one of you just fine          When it's either one, alone          But the Thanksgiving table          Is going to be pulled out bigger          If we talk at all          One of you will pull the trigger          I used to run those battle lines          Trying to smooth over what got said          Trying to get a medal          Trying to get some shrapnel in my head          Thought it was my duty          To plead and to implore          But I caught too much crossfire          In your covert war          The television talks, fills the air          So you don't have to start</p>	<p>You claim you territories in the rooms upstairs          To keep yourselves apart          Holidays they bring us all together          After so much left unsaid          You taught us well not to kick under the table          Kick under your breath instead          I used to stand between you          Trying to smooth over what got said          Trying to get a medal          Trying to get some shrapnel in my head          Thought it was my duty          To plead and to implore          But I caught too much crossfire          In your covert war          Of course there was the anger where the love is          strong          It spilled like gasoline          It's crude but it's a power we can draw upon          If it fuels the right machine</p>	<p>I love you and I'd never want to see you bleed          When comments cut like steel          So to hold your fire          I'd block the shot and take the hit for you          As if I could not feel          I thought they'd passed right through me          That I had no scars to hide          But now I open up and try to love          And I find they're still inside          I used to run those battle lines trying to plead          and to          implore          Please won't you hold the cease fire out a little          longer          Until the next uproar          I took it all in childhood          But I can't take it no more          'Cause I caught too much crossfire          In your covert war.</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.  <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."  <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. A squad of Philistines had set up camp in the Valley of Rephaim.<b>14</b> While</p>	<p>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.  <b>II Samuel 23:18-23 - 18</b> Abishai brother of Joab and son of Zeruiah was the head of the Thirty. He once got credit for killing three hundred with his spear, but he was never named in the same breath as the Three.<b>19</b> He was the most respected of the Thirty and was their captain, but never got included among the Three <b>20</b> Benaiah son of Jehoiada from Kabzeel was a vigorous man who accomplished a great deal. He once killed two lion cubs in Moab. Another time, on a snowy day, he climbed down into a pit and killed a lion.<b>21</b> Another time he killed a formidable Egyptian. The Egyptian was armed with a spear and Benaiah went against him with nothing but a walking stick; he seized the spear from his grip and killed him with his own spear <b>22</b> These are the things that Benaiah son of Jehoiada is famous for. But neither did he ever get ranked with the Three.<b>23</b> He was held in greatest respect among the Thirty, but he never got included with the Three. David put him in charge of his bodyguard.</p>
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