



## 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 OPPORTUNITY OF TODAY!**  
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, John 4:35, Ecclesiastes 11:3, 4, Genesis 37:5-8, Genesis 50:19-21.

**Music:** Zach Williams - "Heaven Help Me" [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=acyY\\_IMj\\_c](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=acyY_IMj_c)

**Video:** Darkest Hour (2017) - The People of England Scene <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ts8WRHAQvk4>

**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 – THE OPPORTUNITY OF TODAY! – II Samuel 23:20 – “... on a snowy day.”**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ → The key to success in life is seeing the opportunity. You have to seize the day! If you’re looking for excuses, you will always find one. But the same is true for opportunities. See John 4:35.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ → Destiny isn’t revealed on sunny days. It’s usually revealed on snowy days. A snowy day isn’t the best day to chase a sure-footed lion with claw cleats. When it comes to difficult circumstances, you have two choices. You can complain about them, or you can make the most of them. Whether those circumstances are self-inflicted or the result of someone else’s actions, LIONS make the most of them. WHAT EXCUSE DO YOU NEED TO CONFESS?
3. \_\_\_\_\_ → You cannot finish what you do not start. Give yourself a start date. Perfectionism and Procrastination are dream killers (Eccl. 11:4). Understand the 80% rule. Don’t let the 80% certainty hold you back. No matter what dream you have, the 80% approach might help you overcome procrastination and perfectionism.

**LION MAKER – THE OPPORTUNITY OF TODAY! (continued) – II Samuel 23:21 – “... he snatched the spear.”**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ → Benaiah seized the day! – he used the Egyptian’s weapon against him. Your dreams will summon opposition because you are disrupting the status quo. Your dreams will cause a wide variety of reactions, including jealousy and anger. Opposition from the Enemy is often a good sign, a vital sign. See Genesis 37:5-8; 50:19-21.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ → In every dream journey there is a point of no return. One moment defined Benaiah’s life—in a pit with a lion on snowy day. One decision defined his approach to life—chase the Lion. Every dream has a price tag. How much is your dream worth?
3. \_\_\_\_\_ → When God gives a vision, He makes provision. But you often have to take a step of faith first. How much is your dream worth? Count the cost. Pay the price. Repeat as necessary!

**ACTION: Journal This!**

1. What are your DREAMS? Would you share what ACTION you are taking as a result of this series?
2. What are you needing to face today as a way to trust God?
3. What are the actions that you can take?



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**“Heaven Help Me” by Zach Williams**

<p>When I can't find the words And I can barely breathe I'm falling on my knees Heaven help me Heaven help me When I can't feel You near And I can't hear You speak I'm falling on my knees Heaven help me Heaven help me Help me, help me 'Cause I can't walk this road alone And I can't do this on my own Tell me, tell me I just need to hear You say That everything will be okay</p>	<p>When I don't understand When I don't I think I can I know You have a plan Heaven help me Heaven help me Heaven help me Help me, help me 'Cause I can't walk this road alone And I can't do this on my own Tell me, tell me I just need to hear You say That everything will be okay Help me believe it When I can't see it Help me know it When I can't hold it Help me believe it</p>	<p>When I can't see it Help me know it When I can't hold it Help me, help me 'Cause I can't walk this road alone And I can't do this on my own Tell me, tell me I just need to hear You say That everything will be okay I just need to hear You say That everything will be okay That everything will be okay When I can't find the words And I can barely breathe I'm falling on my knees Heaven help me Heaven help me</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. 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>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> <p>John 4:35 - <b>35</b> As you look around right now, wouldn't you say that in about four months it will be time to harvest? Well, I'm telling you to open your eyes and take a good look at what's right in front of you. These Samaritan fields are ripe. It's harvest time!</p> <p>Ecclesiastes 11:3, 4 - <b>3</b> When the clouds are full of water, it rains. When the wind blows down a tree, it lies where it falls. <b>4</b> Don't sit there watching the wind. Do your own work. Don't stare at the clouds. Get on with your life.</p> <p>Genesis 37:5-8 - <b>5</b> Joseph had a dream. When he told it to his brothers, they hated him even more. <b>6</b> He said, "Listen to this dream I had. <b>7</b> We were all out in the field gathering bundles of wheat. All of a sudden my bundle stood straight up and your bundles circled around it and bowed down to mine." <b>8</b> His brothers said, "So! You're going to rule us? You're going to boss us around?" And they hated him more than ever because of his dreams and the way he talked.</p> <p>Genesis 50:19-21 - <b>19</b> Joseph replied, "Don't be afraid. Do I act for God? <b>20</b> Don't you see, you planned evil against me but God used those same plans for my good, as you see all around you right now - life for many people. <b>21</b> Easy now, you have nothing to fear; I'll take care of you and your children." He reassured them, speaking with them heart-to-heart.</p>
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