

Lion Maker

A CALL TO PERSONAL GROWTH Maturity + Wholeness + Impact

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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."

LION MAKER – IN ONE ENCOUNTER!

Luke 2:52 & Matthew 28:18-20

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 – IN ONE ENCOUNTER!

- 1. ONE ENCOUNTER → One phrase "… in one encounter" so simple, yet so powerful. You are one encounter away from your destiny. One off-the-cuff conversation, one crazy idea, or one glance across a crowded room can change everything. You might need to make a move!
- 2. NO CONFLICT, NO STORY → We accept that fact when it comes to movies. Epic movies demand epic conflict. That what makes it epic! And what's true of great movies if true of great lives. If every storyline there are defining moments. The technical term, in terms of plot structure, is "inciting incident." Great conflict cultivates great character. If you want to live and epic life, you have to overcome some epic challenges. You have to take some epic risks, make some epic sacrifices. Even if something is out of your control, you still control your reaction. You might not be responsible, but you are response-able! And it's your ability to choose your response that will likely determine your destiny.

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- 3. <u>LAW OF SOWING & REAPING</u> → Galatians 6:9, 10. Never underestimate the power of one act of kindness, one act of courage, one act of generosity (Joshua 2:12). Sometimes the seeds of our dreams don't germinate for months or years of decades. Every act of kindness creates a ripple effect. When you make someone's day, you don't just make his day, because there's a good chance that he will make someone else's day.
- 4. YOUR HISTORY → Your past matters! The seeds of your dreams are often buried in your memory. Take inventory! You have to inventory God's faithfulness so you can draw faith from those past successes, past miracles, past blessings. REMEMBER how you remember and what you remember impacts your future. God's faithfulness cannot be overdrawn.
- 5. WRITE YOUR STORY → God wants to write your story through your life. And if you give Him complete editorial control, He will write an epic. Of course, it'll involve some epic conflict. But the God who began a good work in you will carry it to completion. Telling your story with your life begins with identifying the inciting incidents in your past. That's your backstory. Then you start creating incidents with intentionality. That's the rest of your story.

ACTION: Journal This!

- 1. What are your DREAMS? Would you share what ACTION you are taking as a result of this series?
- 2. How is your past inhibiting or prohibiting you from pursuing your DREAMS?
- 3. What ACTION will you take to pursue your DREAMS?