

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 "I WILL FIGHT – I WILL RUN TO THE ROAR!"

Luke 2:52 & Matthew 28:18-20

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. ARE YOU WILLING TO FIGHT? → 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. <u>BE A MAN OF VALOR</u> → 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. <u>DUE DILIGENCE HONORS GOD</u> → 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. CHOOSE ADVENTURE → 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. FACE YOUR FEARS → 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. RUN TO THE ROAR! → 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"?

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