



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:
THE PLACE OF PREPARATION AND THE WILLINGNESS TO DIE!**

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 – A PLACE OF PREPARATION!

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

1. **DREAMS ARE BORN** → 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. **A HOLDING CELL** → 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. **CAVE SESSIONS** → 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. **CALLED TO TRY** → 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 IS GOD'S GLORY** → 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. **HEART FOR GOD** → 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 as a result 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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