

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 – WHAT IS YOUR DESTINY! 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, Jeremiah 1:5, Romans 8:29, 30, Matthew 19:26, I Kings 19:15-21

Music: Matt Maher - Lord, I Need You - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vG5O5TSlaE4 Video: Braveheart Ending scene - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rkYmTnKrRPI

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 - DOUBLE DESTINY!

II Samuel 23:22 – "He too was as	famous as the t	hree mighty warriors."
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- 1. _____→ You have two destinies—one is universal, and the other is unique 9 (Jer. 1:4,5). Destiny #1 We are ALL to think like, love like, and be like the prototype Jesus (Rom. 8:29). Destiny #2 − You are unique. There never has been and never will be anyone like you. You are called to be the BEST VERSON OF YOU! No matter what you do, you are a priest first and foremost. Destiny is being faithful right where you are. Be like Christ. Be Yourself.
- 2. Our chief end is to glorify God, and if your goal is to make famous the name of Jesus, good fortune will follow you all the days of your life and right into eternity! Your job isn't to accomplish the dream. Your job is to stop making excuses and start obeying. God is working His good, pleasing, and perfect plan for your life in a thousand ways you aren't aware of. Everything in your past is preparation for something in your future (Matthew 19:26).

LION MAKER - The JOURNEY OF YOUR LEGACY!

- II Samuel 23:23 - "And David put him in charge of his bodyguard."

- 1. ______ Every David needs a Benaiah! And someone needs you! Your legacy isn't your dream. Your legacy is leveraging the dreams of those who come after you. Your legacy is your downlines—those you parent, mentor, coach, and disciple. You may not influence a million people, but you may influence one person who influences a billion people. Remember: Elijah's success wasn't the fourteen miracles he performed, but the twenty-eight miracles that Elisha performed after him (I Kings 19:15,16).
- 2. _____ → Legacy is the influence you dream has on others even after you die. Legacy isn't influenced by what you accomplish during your life span. Legacy is measured by the lives that are affected by your life long after you are gone. Until you can selflessly invest yourself in someone else's dream, you're not ready for your own.

ACTION: Journal This!

- 1. What are your DREAMS? Would you share what ACTION you are taking as a result of this series?
- 2. What is something in your childhood that God is using today for good—a skill, a teacher's encouragement, a loss, a school assignment, a friendship?
- 3. What spiritual legacy do you most want to leave to future generations? Who is your life are you helping to set up for success?



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"Lord, I Need You" by Matt Maher

Lord, I come, I confess
Bowing here I find my rest
Without You I fall apart
You're the One that guides my heart
Lord, I need You, oh, I need You
Every hour I need You
My one defense, my righteousness
Oh God, how I need You
Where sin runs deep Your grace is more

Where grace is found is where You are
Where You are, Lord, I am free
Holiness is Christ in me
Lord, I need You, oh, I need You
Every hour I need You
My one defense, my righteousness
Oh God, how I need You
So teach my song to rise to You
When temptation comes my way

When I cannot stand I'll fall on You
Jesus, You're my hope and stay
Lord, I need You, oh, I need You
Every hour I need You
My one defense, my righteousness
Oh God, how I need You
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Bible Verses - The Message

<u>Luke 2:52 - 52</u> And Jesus matured, growing up in both body and spirit, blessed by both God and people.

Matthew 28:18-20 - 18 Jesus, undeterred, went right ahead and gave his charge: "God authorized and commanded me to commission you: 19 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.
20 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."

II Samuel 23:8-17 - 8 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.9 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. 10 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. 11 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 12, but Shammah took his stand at the center of the field, successfully defended it, and routed the Philistines. Another great victory for God! 13 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. 14 While David was holed up in the Cave, the Philistines had their base camp in Bethlehem 15 David had a sudden craving and said, "Would I ever like a drink of water from the well at the gate of Bethlehem!"16 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, 17 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.

<u>II Samuel 23:18-23 -</u> 18 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.19 He was the most respected of the Thirty and was their captain, but never got included among the Three 20 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.21 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 **22** These are the things that Benaiah son of Jehoiada is famous for. But neither did he ever get ranked with the Three. **23** 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.

Jeremiah 1:5 - 5 "Before I shaped you in the womb, I knew all about you. Before you saw the light of day, I had holy plans for you: A prophet to the nations - that's what I had in mind for you."

Romans 8:29, 30 - 29 God knew what he was doing from the very beginning. He decided from the outset to shape the lives of those who love him along the same lines as the life of his Son. The Son stands first in the line of humanity he restored. We see the original and intended shape of our lives there in him. 30 After God made that decision of what his children should be like, he followed it up by calling people by name. After he called them by name, he set them on a solid basis with himself. And then, after getting them established, he stayed with them to the end, gloriously completing what he had begun.

<u>Matthew 19:26 -</u> 26 Jesus looked hard at them and said, "No chance at all if you think you can pull it off yourself. Every chance in the world if you trust God to do it."

I Kings 19:15-21 - 15 God said, "Go back the way you came through the desert to Damascus. When you get there anoint Hazael; make him king over Aram. 16 Then anoint Jehu son of Nimshi; make him king over Israel. Finally, anoint Elisha son of Shaphat from Abel Meholah to succeed you as prophet. 17 Anyone who escapes death by Hazael will be killed by Jehu; and anyone who escapes death by Jehu will be killed by Elisha. **18** Meanwhile, I'm preserving for myself seven thousand souls: the knees that haven't bowed to the god Baal, the mouths that haven't kissed his image." 19 Elijah went straight out and found Elisha son of Shaphat in a field where there were twelve pairs of yoked oxen at work plowing; Elisha was in charge of the twelfth pair. Elijah went up to him and threw his cloak over him. 20 Elisha deserted the oxen, ran after Elijah, and said, "Please! Let me kiss my father and mother good-bye - then I'll follow you." "Go ahead," said Elijah, "but, mind you, don't forget what I've just done to you." 21 So Elisha left; he took his yoke of oxen and butchered them. He made a fire with the plow and tackle and then boiled the meat - a true farewell meal for the family. Then he left and followed Elijah, becoming his righthand man.