

The Lion Chaser

LIVING WITH GUTS FOR GOD'S GLORY

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DISCUSS

A lion chaser is someone who is willing to go out and grab risky God-given opportunities by the mane and subdue them. It is living the life of faith with guts for God's glory. What principles in life can we learn from the life of a Lion Chaser?

Principle #1: Your greatest opportunities are often disguised as God-sized challenges.

- Benaiah met the worst of enemies in the worst of places under the worst of conditions, yet he still won! From God's point of view, you don't have any problems, just opportunities.
- Why would Benaiah kill a lion?
- What human-sized challenges do people usually experience in life? How about a God-sized challenge?
- What kind of lion are you facing right now? Do you feel as though you're trapped in a pit?
- What does God give to those who are willing to jump in a snowy pit where there is a lion?
- How should you start looking at the challenge in your life as one of the greatest opportunities to trust God?

Principle #2: Your greatest problem depends on your idea of how great God is in your life

- Why is what you think important when it comes to the idea of God?
- Why would inadequate understanding of who God is be your biggest problem?
- Do your prayers revolve around asking God to reduce the odds in your life because you want comfort and not challenges?
- Honestly examine yourself: If greater and more difficult things come to your life, will you still believe and trust God?

Principle #3: Your greatest satisfaction in life will come from accumulating experiences, not possessions.

- The Bible never tells us how many possessions Benaiah accumulated, but it details Benaiah's mighty exploits and experiences (v. 22). As a follower of Christ, what experiences with Him bring greater value to your life rather than the possessions of this world?
- Have you ever considered that God allows you to go through tough challenges because He is simply building your spiritual resumé?
- Do you agree that every lion you go after today is preparing you for bigger and better challenges and more opportunities for God to work in your life? Why or why not?

REFLECT

When Benaiah fought the lion, he did it when there was snow on the ground. Do you think that's an easy thing to do? How are you a lion-chaser, seeking the best for the glory of God? Every lion you go after today is preparing you for bigger and better challenges. Are you willing to chase after it?

PRAY

Heavenly Father, You are the mighty God. Enable me to take the challenges and seize Your God-ordained opportunities in my Christian life. Please help me not to settle for anything less or one that's humanly achievable, but may I have a purpose bigger than myself. Help me to seek Christ, that I would never give up the pursuit to chase Him which gives real meaning to life. In Jesus' precious name I pray. Amen.