



Sermon Outline
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Benaiah:
The Lion Chaser

2 Samuel 23:20-23

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Lion vs. human – who has the advantage?

From a physical perspective: _____

From a location perspective: _____

From a conditions perspective: _____

And the winner is: _____

Definition of a lion chaser: Someone who moves toward their _____ instead of away from them.

*** There's a difference between fear and** _____.

How does one become a lion chaser?

1. A lion chaser must _____ **and prepare.**

** It's not very helpful to try to start your training _____ you're in the pit. It's best to start your training _____ you get in the pit.*

1 Timothy 4:7-8 - Have nothing to do with godless myths and old wives' tales; rather, **train yourself to be godly.** For physical training is of some value, but godliness has value for all things, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come.

*** Faith is developing the discipline of placing** _____ **between you and your circumstances.**

2. A lion chaser accepts the _____.

** **The truth is:** Your explanations are more important than your experiences. While you can't always control your experiences, you can always control your explanations.*

*** What if your current circumstances are a** _____ **ordered curriculum for your highest development?**

** Instead on only asking God to _____ of difficult circumstances, you should also be asking Him what He wants you _____ of those difficult circumstances.*

Luke 22:42 - Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but yours be done.

3. A lion chaser almost always _____ **another lion chaser to two.**

Proverbs 27:17 - As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another.

***There weren't any other** _____ **in Israel until David killed Goliath.**

Philippians 1:14 - And because of my chains, most of the brothers and sisters have become confident in the Lord and dare all the more to proclaim the gospel without fear.

** If you feel weak or if you feel like you're not brave enough for what you're going through, surround yourself with other _____ people.*

*** Are you living your life in a way that's worth** _____ **about?**