



SOUTHBRIDGE
COMMUNITY CHURCH

“Chase the Lion” Part 2

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Review:

- **Important Question #1: How BIG is God?**
- **Truth: I truly believe that God strategically positions us in the right place at the right time.**
- **Challenge: The right place sometimes seems like the wrong place, and the right time sometimes seems like the wrong time.**

Important Question: When are the powerful and miraculous principles of God _____ in our lives?

II Samuel 23: 19-23 (NLT)

Abishai was the most famous of the Thirty and was their commander, though he was not one of the Three. ²⁰ There was also Benaiah son of Jehoiada, a valiant warrior from Kabzeel. He did many heroic deeds, which included killing two champions of Moab. Another time, on a snowy day, he chased a lion down into a pit and killed it. ²¹ Once, armed only with a club, he killed a great Egyptian warrior who was armed with a spear. Benaiah wrenched the spear from the Egyptian’s hand and killed him with it. ²² Deeds like these made Benaiah as famous as the Three mightiest warriors. ²³ He was more honored than the other members of the Thirty, though he was not one of the Three. And David made him captain of his bodyguard.

Facing Fears

1. The power of conditioned _____

v. 20b He did many heroic deeds, which included killing two champions of Moab. Another time, on a snowy day, he chased a lion down into a pit and killed it.

2. The rooster’s _____!

Luke 22:60-62 (NLT) But Peter said, “Man, I don’t know what you are talking about.” And immediately, while he was still speaking, the rooster crowed. ⁶¹ At that moment the Lord turned and looked at Peter. Suddenly, the Lord’s words flashed through Peter’s mind: “Before the rooster crows tomorrow morning, you will deny three times that you even know me.” ⁶² And Peter left the courtyard, weeping bitterly.

* **Truth:** Satan wants to remind you of your worst failures over and over again ... even if they are _____.

3. Reconditioned by _____

John 20:3; 21:4, 7 (NLT) Peter and the other disciple started out for the tomb. ²¹ At dawn Jesus was standing on the beach, but the disciples couldn’t see who he was. ⁷ Then the disciple Jesus loved said to Peter, “It’s the Lord!” When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his tunic (for he had stripped for work), jumped into the water, and headed to shore.

* The _____ of God is much, much _____ than my worst failures.

II Corinthians 5:17 (NLT) This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!

4. _____ my fears

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* **Question:** What fear or fears really challenge me?

Psalms 34:4 (NLT)

I prayed to the LORD, and he answered me. He freed me from all my fears.

Personal Action Steps

- Am I experiencing “exciting adventures” in my faith journey?
- What about Benaiah inspires/intrigues me?
- Am I willing to embrace Psalms 34:4?