



SOUTHBRIDGE
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“Chase the Lion” Part 3

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Review:

- **Important 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 most active 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.

Overcoming Adversity

1. Just for the record: _____ is _____ !!

Psalms 31:19a (NLT) Your goodness is so great! You have stored up great blessings for those who honor you.

2. Learning to _____

* Reframing = “God, please adjust, broaden ... if necessary, completely change my _____.”

Matthew 5:11-12a (NLT) “God blesses you when people mock you and persecute you and lie about you and say all sorts of evil things against you because you are my followers. ¹² Be happy about it! Be very glad! For a great reward awaits you in heaven.

I Corinthians 15:54b-55, 57 (NLT) ... “Death is swallowed up in victory. ⁵⁵ O death, where is your victory? ⁵⁷ But thank God! He gives us victory over sin and death through our Lord Jesus Christ.

James 1:2-3 (NLT) Dear brothers and sisters, when troubles come your way, consider it an opportunity for great joy. ³ For you know that when your faith is tested, your endurance has a chance to grow.

Romans 12:2 (NLT)

Don’t copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God’s will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.

- **Rethink** _____
- **Zooming Out:** _____

C.S. Lewis Quote: “If God had granted approval to all the silly prayers I’ve made in my life, where would I be now?”

3. Adversity is often the seedbed of _____.

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* God will use adversity to _____ our capacity to serve Him.

Romans 8:35, 37 (NLT)

Can anything ever separate us from Christ’s love? Does it mean he no longer loves us if we have trouble or calamity, or are persecuted, or hungry, or destitute, or in danger, or threatened with death? ³⁷ No, despite all these things, overwhelming victory is ours through Christ, who loved us.

Personal Action Steps

- What/who can help me accomplish Point #2?
- What significant situation in my life do I currently need to “rethink”? (Rom. 12:2)
- What obedience/action steps do I need to take?