



“Chase the Lion” Part 4

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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.

Embracing Uncertainty

1. Benaiah’s Reality: None of these encounters were _____.

2. The _____.

Matthew 6:31, 33; 8:20 (NLT) “So don’t worry about these things, saying, ‘What will we eat? What will we drink? What will we wear?’ ” ³³ Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need. ⁸ ²⁰ But Jesus replied, “Foxes have dens to live in, and birds have nests, but the Son of Man has no place even to lay his head.”

Oswald Chambers Quote: “To be certain of God means that we are uncertain in all our ways; we do not know what a day may bring forth. This is generally said with a sigh of sadness; it should rather be an expression of breathless expectation.”

3. _____ certainty

Matthew 4:18-22(NLT)

One day as Jesus was walking along the shore of the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers—Simon, also called Peter, and Andrew—throwing a net into the water, for they fished for a living. ¹⁹ Jesus called out to them, “Come, follow me, and I will show you how to fish for people!” ²⁰ And they left their nets at once and followed him. ²¹ A little farther up the shore he saw two other brothers, James and John, sitting in a boat with their father, Zebedee, repairing their nets. And he called them to come, too. ²² They immediately followed him, leaving the boat and their father behind.

4. Faced with a _____!

Matthew 19:16, 17b, 20-22 (NIV)

¹⁶Now a man came up to Jesus and asked, “Teacher, what good thing must I do to get eternal life?” ... ¹⁷“If you want to enter life, obey the commandments.” ²⁰“All these I have kept,” the young man said. “What do I still lack?” ²¹Jesus answered, “If you want to be perfect, go, sell your possessions and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.” ²²When the young man heard this, he went away sad, because he had great wealth.

** What certainties do I need to _____?

Personal Action Steps

- Why do we tend to view uncertainty at age 25 differently than at 45?
- What is the difference between “enduring” uncertainty and “embracing” it?
- As a Christ follower, my goal **must not be** to eliminate uncertainty!!