



“Chase the Lion” Part 5

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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.

Seizing Opportunities

1. “Carpe _____”: Do you see it?

John 4:35 (NLT) Do you think the work of harvesting will not begin until the summer ends four months from now? Look around you! Vast fields are ripening all around us and are ready now for the harvest.

2. Opportunity _____

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Colossians 4:5 (NLT) Live wisely among those who are not believers, and make the most of every opportunity.

* One definition of spiritual maturity could be ... “_____ and _____ God ordained opportunities.”

3. A great _____!

Matthew 16:16-17, 19 (NIV)

Simon Peter answered, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.”
¹⁷Jesus replied, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by man, but by my Father in heaven. ¹⁹I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.”

“Binding & Loosing: We have authority!”

- How do I _____ in this authority?
- How do I act upon it and remain _____?
- Embrace the _____ of sovereignty.
- I have some control, not _____ control.
- It is a _____ authority.

4. Necessary _____: Prayer

Colossians 4:2 (NLT) Devote yourselves to prayer with an alert mind and a thankful heart.

Psalms 5:3 (NLT) Listen to my voice in the morning, LORD. Each morning I bring my requests to you and wait expectantly.

* Greater prayer will (eventually) result in increased _____!

Personal Action Steps

- When considering new opportunities, do I struggle with a fear of failure?
- Which is a greater challenge for me: “Seeing” God opportunities, or “seizing” God opportunities?
- No doubt: God sees great potential in me!!