



SOUTHBRIDGE
COMMUNITY CHURCH

“Chase the Lion” Part 7

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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.

* **Challenging Thought:** What if... The _____ of Christianity we have accepted and embraced is not God’s “_____”?

Looking Foolish

Genesis 6:13a, 14-15, 17, 22 (NLT)

So God said to Noah, “I have decided to destroy all living creatures, for they have filled the earth with violence. ¹⁴ “Build a large boat from cypress wood and waterproof it with tar, inside and out. Then construct decks and stalls throughout its interior. ¹⁵ Make the boat 450 feet long, 75 feet wide, and 45 feet high. ¹⁷ “Look! I am about to cover the earth with a flood that will destroy every living thing that breathes. Everything on earth will die. ²² So Noah did everything exactly as God had commanded him.

1. Building boats in the _____.

* We all need “Benaiah type” _____ (more than one!) in our lives!

2. The _____ to look foolish.

I Corinthians 1:27a *Instead, God chose things the world considers foolish in order to shame those who think they are wise.*

II Samuel 6:14, 16 *And David danced before the LORD with all his might, wearing a priestly garment. ¹⁶ But as the Ark of the LORD entered the City of David, Michal, the daughter of Saul, looked down from her window. When she saw King David leaping and dancing before the LORD, she was filled with contempt for him.*

- Deep down inside I think all of us have a primal longing to do something _____ for God.
- “NEOTENY”: The _____ of youthful _____ by adults.
- What lion is God calling me to _____?

John 10:10 (The Message)

A thief (Satan) is only there to steal and kill and destroy. I came so they can have real and eternal life, more and better life than they ever dreamed of.

Personal Action Steps
