

BENAIAH AND THE TERRIBLE, HORRIBLE, NO GOOD, VERY BAD DAY

2 SAMUEL 23 – ERIC SIMPSON – JUNE 3, 2018



"King" of the jungle
Up to 8 ft. long, 500 lbs
Run 50 mph, leap 36 ft.
Bite pressure (lion 690 psi vs. human 120 psi)

2 Samuel 23:20-23

²⁰ Benaiah son of Jehoiada was a valiant fighter from Kabzeel, who performed great exploits. He struck down two of Moab's best men. He also went down into a pit on a snowy day and killed a lion. ²¹ And he struck down a huge Egyptian. Although the Egyptian had a spear in his hand, Benaiah went against him with a club. He snatched the spear from the Egyptian's hand and killed him with his own spear. ²² Such were the exploits of Benaiah...

²³ And David put him in charge of his bodyguard.

Our biggest problems and our deepest pain often become an arrow that points the way to God's purpose.

God-given opportunities often come disguised as 500-pound lions.

Uncertainty is the soil in which *faith* flourishes.

THE LION CHASER'S MANIFESTO

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Quit living as if the purpose of life
is to arrive safely at death.

Run to the roar.

Set God-sized goals. Pursue God-given passions.

Go after a dream that is destined to fail
without divine intervention.

Stop pointing out problems. Become part of the solution.

Stop repeating the past. Start creating the future.

Face your fears. Fight for your dreams.

Grab opportunity by the mane and don't let go!

Live like today is the first day and the last day of your life.

Burn sinful bridges. Blaze new trails.

Live for the applause of nail-scarred hands.

Don't let what's wrong with you
keep you from worshiping what's right with God.

Dare to fail. Dare to be different.

Quit holding out. Quit holding back. Quit running away.

CHASE THE LION.