



Chasing Down Lions and Overcoming All Odds

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Scripture: 2 Samuel 23:1-39

1. As you look back over your ***life***, are you able to confidently ***affirm*** the Lord used you to reflect His light to others?
2. Every child of God should be able to say the Lord established a permanent ***covenant*** with them, and every detail was ***planned*** and secured.
3. Every servant of the Lord should ***acknowledge*** the other warriors God sent into their lives to help them accomplish His mission.
4. Odds are you will face some ***overwhelming*** challenges in your life if you are committed to bringing glory to God. How you handle them will ***define*** your legacy and Kingdom impact.
5. Odds are you will continue to have ***encounters*** with our spiritual enemy, that roaring lion who seeks to devour us. Will you stand strong in the Lord, or run away from the battle?
6. Odds are that ***fear*** and exhilarating times of “fun” can occur from the same experience. A believer’s attitude towards ***facing*** their spiritual lions can make all the difference!
7. Odds are you will either face your spiritual lions or spend your life being ***chased*** by them. Isn’t it time to take a stand?
8. Odds are when you choose to face or chase down your lions, the Lion of the Tribe of Judah, our Lord Jesus Christ, will ***empower*** you for victory.
9. Odds are there will be some setbacks and defeats in life as we fight our spiritual battles. Make sure you do not let your regrettable ***actions*** keep you from a fulfilling life and glorious future!
10. The Kingdom of God needs men and women who know that the odds have nothing to do with the actual ***outcome*** of any event. Have the ***faith*** to believe in the God who shows up and shows out when victory is impossible without Him.

Growth Group Questions

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PRE-GAME

1. Chiefs or 49ers and why?
2. Are you generally a fearful person? What are the things you're most afraid of? Explain.

KICK-OFF

1. (Point #1) As you look back over your life, are you able to confidently affirm the Lord used you to reflect His light to others? Why or why not?
2. (Point #3) Who are the "warriors" God sent into your life to help you accomplish His mission?
3. (Point #4) Are you currently facing any overwhelming challenges that relate to your devotion to God? If so, what are they? How can we help or pray for you?
4. Describe the "lions" in your life and how are you dealing with them?
5. What did you find most challenging, helpful, or inspiring in the sermon today and why?

THE PLAYBOOK

Read some of the passages below and discuss any insights into today's message.

- Psalm 27:1
- Isaiah 41:13
- Psalm 56:3-4

PRACTICE / FILM STUDY

- Spend some time alone with God asking Him to help you identify the source of any fears you may be experiencing. Take time to quietly listen. What do you hear? What are some steps you can take to face your lions with His help?
- Do you believe God is capable and willing to help you face your lions and defeat them? Why or why not? Do you fully trust Him?