

Fearless – Part 4

BENAIAH

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OUR KEY VERSE:

“For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.” 2 Timothy 1:7 NKJV

*“**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. 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.”*

2 Samuel 23:20-21

WHAT DO WE KNOW?

- **Benaiah was one of the top five soldiers in Israel.**
- **He was a General in the Israeli army.**
- **He was the Captain of King David's bodyguards.**

AND...

“He also went down into a pit on a snowy day and killed a lion.” 2 Samuel 23:20b

WHAT LION DO YOU NEED TO CHASE?

TIPS WHEN CHASING THE LION

- 1) **Lion Chasers know that the BIGGER their God is, the SMALLER the lions become!**

DANIEL –

“When (King Darius) came near the den, he called to Daniel in an anguished voice, “Daniel, servant of the living God, has your God, whom you serve continually, been able to rescue you from the lions?” Daniel answered, “O king, live forever! My God sent his angel, and he shut the mouths of the lions.”

Daniel 6:20-22

DAVID –

“David said to Saul, “Let no one lose heart on account of this Philistine; your servant will go and fight him.” Saul replied, “You are not able to go out against this Philistine and fight him; you are only a boy, and he has been a fighting man from his youth.” But David said to Saul, “Your servant has been keeping his father's sheep. When a lion or a bear came and carried off a sheep from the flock, I went after it, struck it and rescued the sheep from its mouth. When it turned on me, I seized it by its hair, struck it and killed it. Your servant has killed both the lion and the bear; this uncircumcised Philistine will be like one of them, because he has defied the armies of the living God. The Lord who delivered me from the paw of the lion and the paw of the bear will deliver me from the hand of this Philistine.” 1 Samuel 17:32-37a (NIV)

- 2) **Lion Chasers understand that playing it SAFE is actually quite RISKY.**

“And without faith it is impossible to please God...”

Hebrews 11:6

We live by faith, not by sight... 2 Corinthians 5:7