

SERMON REFLECTIONS

Lion-chasing Faith: What Would You Do in Faith?

2 Samuel 23:20-23 | 6 November 2022 | Rev Dr Aaron Tay

Reflection Questions

1. Read through **2 Samuel 23** (aloud as a DG). Pray for the Holy Spirit's inspiration, and share with each other spiritual lessons/truths that you have discerned from this passage.
2. Faith begins by listening to God's Word, and then allowing God's Word to work in our hearts and minds. As we ponder and meditate on God's Word, we should use our Imagination on how we should act out our faith. Then we allow Imagination to become reality as we use our Body (hands, feet, mouth, ears, eyes, etc.) to bring forth our faith into real life.

Think of a lesson you have learnt (either from the sermon or from 2 Samuel 23). Think about how you can live out that truth in your life. For example, you want to bring Psalm 5:3 into reality: You start to imagine yourself waking up early in the morning, and the first thing you do is to kneel at your bedside and praise God. Then you imagine yourself laying your requests before God and wait in Expectation (for God to speak to you). If you do not receive any impression from the Lord after 5 to 10 minutes, let the Lord know that you will be open to His voice the whole day. Imagine in as much detail as you can. The next morning, act out what you have imagined.

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Share with others, what you have imagined you want to do.

3. What kinds of lions have you encountered in your life? Share 1 difficulty-lion and 1 divine opportunity-lion. How did you handle these lions?

[Suggestions of difficulty-lions:

- Problems in our career – Loss of job; inability to find work; business not doing well; difficulty with boss or colleagues; etc.
- Relationship struggles - Conflict with your spouse or child; having to look after our elderly parent (suffering from a disease that makes the looking after very difficult); etc.
- Health issues – facing a killer disease; having a chronic sickness (needing long-term medication); feeling emotionally down, etc.]

4. Many years before Benaiah chased a lion into a pit on a snowy day, an enemy of Israel, a giant of a man, insulted Israel for many days. But there were no brave warriors who responded to fight for Israel's honour. Finally, only a shepherd boy rose up in faith. We all know that story – of how young David slayed Goliath.

My question is, how is it that around 10 to 20 years later, suddenly there were so many valiant men around. Any of the 37 men (in 2 Samuel 23) would have risen to the challenge and beat Goliath flat.

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Why were there so many heroes in David's time, and none when David was just a shepherd boy?

Because faith builds faith. Courage builds courage. Vision builds vision. I believe David's faith was the catalyst – the first lion-chaser had somehow cause other lion-chasers, like Benaiah, to arise.

Is there something someone in our church could do, which would be considered to be a lion-chasing feat, and will inspire others to do likewise?

Thank you for learning together; and may what you learn go into your heart and out through your hands/feet/mouth/life.

God bless.

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