

2 Samuel 23:20-22 Benaiah son of Jehoiada, a valiant fighter from Kabzeel, performed great exploits. He struck down Moab's two mightiest warriors. 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 son of Jehoiada; he too was as famous as the three mighty warriors.

Throughout the Bible we can read about different times God does something that only God can do.

I want you to know that the God that we read about in these documented stories is the same God today.

There is nothing impossible for God. Even when we think that our situation is overwhelming.

Has anyone ever been in an overwhelming situation?

At situation where you don't know what to do.

You don't know who to turn to for advise.

You don't know where to go .

You seem to be backed up against a corner. You just seem to be overwhelmed.

And you start to ask yourself: why am I here? What did I do to get to this place in my life?

I need you to know something:

1. God positions you

God is in the business of positioning us in the right place at the right time.

But sometimes the right place seems like the wrong place.

Has anyone ever been in, in what seemed, the wrong place at the wrong time?

This is after you become a believer.

Too many times we ask God to use us and then we tell Him how to use us.

I want you to know that God is always using past experiences to prepare us for future opportunities.

You did not go through what you went through just to go through it.

The bible tells us that Benaiah fought two Moabites. Sons of Ariel.
Ariel is very similar to the Hebrew word "lion" Benaiah killed two lion like men.

The odds were 2 to 1.

Then we read that Benaiah killed a great Egyptian warrior.

Now we know that David killed Goliath, but he is not the only giant killer in the group.

The bible tells us that the Egyptian warrior that Benaiah killed was over 7 foot tall.

The odds were against him maybe 10 to 1. The bible tells us that Benaiah took the giant's spear and killed him.

Benaiah had a club and the giant had a spear.

But I want to talk to you about the Lion.

What gave this man the courage to CHASE after a lion.

Most men would see a lion and run for their lives.

Sometimes, God positions people in situations to see if you are going to trust Him or not.

God is not moved by what we are moved by.

God is not shaken by what shakes us.

In situations that seem to overwhelm us, we must have faith and take a risk in believing what God said about himself.

God is who He says He is; ALL powerful – All mighty.

As I look at my life I realize that the biggest risks were the greatest opportunities.

When we do not have the guts to step out and chase lions, then God is robbed of the glory that rightfully belongs to Him.

David when he faced Goliath was positioned by God.

1 Samuel 17 tells us that David ran towards the giant.

The direction in which you run determines what you will get; Defeat or Victory.

You see David represents Jesus, Goliath represents the situation that overwhelms you and the stone represents us.

It's through the power of the stone thrower the stone can kill what seems to be overwhelming.

It's the power of Jesus that works through us that we can overcome any giant.

I'm absolutely convinced that our greatest regrets in life will be missed opportunities.

What makes this story remarkable is that Benaiah chased the lion into the pit.

A pit is a lion's domain.

The odds were against him.

2. Know the odds

See things differently.

When you take into consideration the situation you are going through sometimes it seems to overwhelm your view of what God is doing.

And you lose sight of who God is.

How you think of God will determine who you become.

There is pattern repeated throughout scripture.

Sometimes God will not intervene until something is humanly impossible.

God loves impossible odds.

With the two Moabites it was 2-1 with the Egyptian giant it was 10-1.
With the lion it was 100-1.

What's the point of doing something that someone already thinks you can do.

Maybe that is why sometimes God invites us to defy impossible odds.

In the book of Judges chapter 6 we read about Gideon's army.

It started with 32,000 which is our numbered by the Midianites.

God tells Gideon you have too many men.

God tells him to send home those that are afraid. Now it's 10,000.

God says: still too many; drink water like a dog to go home. Now 300

The odds had to be close to 1 million to 1.

Here is the thing; Gideon won!! because Gideon was on God's side.

When you are on God's side; the odds do not matter.

God will always give you an uncommon Victory.

The more we grow, the bigger God should get. And the bigger God gets, the smaller our circumstances get. The smaller our LIONS get, the smaller our GIANTS get.

The reality is that NOTHING is too difficult for God.

When you know the odds and then see God move; you have no problem giving Him the praise after the victory.