

**God's Football Team
Protecting the Outside
Discover Church
Mark Phillips
September 11, 2022**

- Leaders are **made** through the power of a **changed** life through **Christ Jesus**
- To stand in the gap, you need to put your **total trust** in God

Loyalty and **courage** are needed to **protect** God's work on earth

“David reigned over all Israel, doing what was just and right for all his people. Joab son of Zeruiah was over the army; Jehoshaphat son of Ahilud was recorder; Zadok son of Ahitub and Ahimelek son of Abiathar were priests; Seraiah was secretary; Benaiah son of Jehoiada was over the Kerethites and Pelethites; and David's sons were priests.” 2 Samuel 8:15-18

“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. 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. Such were the exploits of Benaiah son of Jehoiada; he too was as famous as the three mighty warriors. He was held in greater honor than any of the Thirty, but he was not included among the Three. And David put him in charge of his bodyguard.” 2 Samuel 23:20-23

“Another time, on a snowy day, he chased a lion down into a pit and killed it.” 2 Samuel 23:20b

Lion Chasing Skills

1. Loyalty **recognizes** the **Greatness** of God

A. God's **Greatness**

“Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise; his greatness no one can fathom.” Psalm 145:3

B. God's **Goodness**

“They celebrate your abundant goodness and joyfully sing of your righteousness.” Psalm 145:7

C. God's **Glory**

“They tell of the glory of your kingdom and speak of your might,¹² so that all people may know of your mighty acts and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.” Psalm 145:11-12

D. God’s **Guarantee**

“Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures through all generations.” Psalm 145:13

E. God’s **Grace**

“The Lord upholds all who fall and lifts up all who are bowed down.” Psalm 145:14

2. Courage means I **face** my **fears**

“So I tell you, don’t worry about everyday life—whether you have enough food, drink, and clothes. Doesn’t life consist of more than food and clothing? Look at the birds. They don’t need to plant or harvest or put food in barns because your heavenly Father feeds them. And you are far more valuable to him than they are. Can all your worries add a single moment to your life? Of course not. “And why worry about your clothes? Look at the lilies and how they grow. They don’t work or make their clothing, yet Solomon in all his glory was not dressed as beautifully as they are. And if God cares so wonderfully for flowers that are here today and gone tomorrow, won’t he more surely care for you? You have so little faith! “So don’t worry about having enough food or drink or clothing. Why be like the pagans who are so deeply concerned about these things? Your heavenly Father already knows all your needs, and he will give you all you need from day to day if you live for him and make the Kingdom of God your primary concern. “So don’t worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring its own worries. Today’s trouble is enough for today. Matthew 6:25-34

3. Courage helps me to **seize** the **opportunity**

“Live wisely among those who are not believers, and make the most of every opportunity.” Colossians 4:5

“So be careful how you live. Don’t live like fools, but like those who are wise. Make the most of every opportunity in these evil days. Don’t act thoughtlessly, but understand what the Lord wants you to do.” Ephesians 5:15-17

“Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.” Hebrews 11:1

4. Loyalty **relies** on God

The **right** place often seems like the **wrong** place, and the **right** time often seems like the **wrong** time

*“If you are walking in darkness, without a ray of light, trust in the Lord and rely on your God.”
Isaiah 50:10*

Stop asking God **to get us out of** difficult circumstances and start asking Him what He wants **us to get out of** those difficult circumstances.

*“We rely on what Christ Jesus has done for us. We put no confidence in human effort”
Philippians 3:3*

5. Be **willing** to look **foolish**

“Yes, and I am willing to look even more foolish than this, even to be humiliated in my own eyes! But those servant girls you mentioned will indeed think I am distinguished!” 2 Samuel 6:22

*“Instead, God chose things the world considers foolish in order to shame those who think they are wise. And he chose things that are powerless to shame those who are powerful. God chose things despised by the world, things counted as nothing at all, and used them to bring to nothing what the world considers important. As a result, no one can ever boast in the presence of God.”
1 Corinthians 1:27-29*

Chase the Lion

**God's Football Team
Protecting the Outside
Discover Church
Mark Phillips
September 11, 2022**

Loyalty and **courage** are needed to **protect** God's work on earth

Lion Chasing Skills

1. Loyalty _____ the _____ of God
2. Courage means I _____ my _____
3. Courage helps me to _____ the _____
4. Loyalty _____ on God

The _____ place often seems like the _____ place, and the
_____ time often seems like the _____ time

5. Be _____ to look _____

_____ **the** _____

Scripture: 2 Samuel 8:15-18; 2 Samuel 23:20-23; Psalm 145:3, 7, 11-14; Matthew 6:25-34; Colossians 4:5; Ephesians 5:15-17; Hebrews 11:1; Isaiah 50:10; Philippians 3:3; 2 Samuel 6:22; 1 Corinthians 1:27-29