The Ripple Effect Chasing Lions – Part 5 March 3, 2024 Pastor Lane Olson New Song Community Church

2 Samuel. 23:8 (NLT)

A. Impossible odds set the table for God's greatest miracles.

- 1. God loves long shots because only He gets the Glory.
- 2. There is no degree of difficulty when we are talking about God Almighty.
- 3. When we avoid the impossible places, we rob God.
- 4. One encounter away:
 - i. From a totally different reality
 - ii. It all starts with a step of faith

B. The Ripple effect.

- 1. Definition: Every decision we make, the risks we take, the sacrifices we make, every action has a ripple effect on our lives from that moment on.
- 2. Has an initial impact followed by outward ripples.
- 3. Every action has a cause and effect beyond our ability to comprehend, and beyond our ability to control.
- 4. Action and inactions all have a ripple effect.
- 5. You are far more influential than you know.
- 6. Our job is to do keep on doing what we can do and leave the results to God.

C. One Decision Away From:

- 1. Walking on a fresh path in your life.
- 2. A new understanding of your spiritual gifts.
- 3. Discovering new abilities that you never imagined you to possess.
- 4. A totally different level of God's power working through your life.

D. One action away from a totally different reality.

- 1. A conversation, an appointment, a prayer, a connection.
- 2. An act of obedience, a sermon, a worship encounter,
- 3. An opportunity taken against the odds.
- 4. An action that will affect the future 100n years from now.
- 5. Faithful in the small things...trusted with big things.
- 6. Our Job consecrate ourself / God's Job great things.

Joshua 3:5 (NIV)

E. Your Dreams:

- Predate you. Your life and what you will do are the product of God's dream for your life.
- 2. Your dreams post-date you.
- 3. Your legacy is not only what you do, but it's your dream that inspires others to dream in your footsteps.

Next Steps: Today I am:

- 1. Committing my life to Jesus
- 2. Asking God to guide my decisions
- 3. Asking God for the courage to take the step of faith.
- 4. Asking God for his dream for my life.