



Empowering People to Change the World

Father's Day 2021: A Call to the Lion Hearted

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- What kind of men shall we become? What kind of fathers and sons shall we become?
- In the time of Saul, men came alongside David to make him king.
- Just as in the time of David, we need men and women who love God, love our nation, and love our Constitution.
- **1 Chronicles** and **2 Chronicles** are the spiritual books of David's reign as king.
- Starting in **1 Chronicles 11**, we begin to see a list of David's mighty men, the names of the men who fought to make David king.
- It took great risk to abandon Saul and follow David.
- These were, what I will call, "Lion-hearted Men."

1 Chronicles 12:23-33

- On this Father's Day, I want to challenge you men and everyone in this room to a "call to be lion hearted."
- I observe in these men, lion hearts!

Lion-Hearted: brave, determined, exceptional courage and bravery

The Character Qualities of the Lion-Hearted

Verses 23, 32

1) Understand the Times and Know What to Do

- They were willing to fight for David because they had heard from the Lord.
- Understanding the times begins with listening to God.
- What's God doing right now in 2021? You must understand the times:
 - Here's what I see: Covid has been a set up for control
 - More and more Marxist ideology in our schools and jobs
 - A chance to create more and more division in our society through race and gender
 - Politics, business, education, and health are all under demonic assault
- You must self-educate, self-study, and become self-aware!
- Listen, you can't know what God is telling you to do without knowing the times.

Verses 24-26

2) Equipped for Spiritual Warfare

- Understanding the times means understanding the strategies of the enemy of our souls! Satan and demons are at work to destroy your marriage, your life, your family, our schools...
- These were men who were already “fit for war.” If you don't get equipped in peacetime, you will never survive when the war comes.
- We cannot win a war against principalities and powers if we don't know how to engage the enemy.

The Art of Lion-hearted Warfare: not just a skill, but an art.

First, the Word of God—this is #1. Learning to spend time in and hear from God in His Word is the beginning of laying proper foundations.

“Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.”

- When Jesus spoke to the men on the road to Emmaus, it says He opened the Scriptures to them...

And they said to one another, “Did not our heart burn within us while He talked with us on the road, and while He opened the Scriptures to us?”

Second, we battle in prayer. I would define prayer as “asking for and receiving God’s will in your life; asking for and receiving God’s will on earth.”

Jesus said, “I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.”

The keys of the Kingdom: PRAYER!

Third, the art of spiritual warfare involves worship. Worship is exalting God through obedience. Worship is singing; worship is how you handle your relationships.

Fourth, you cannot get victories in your life without bloodstained allies.

Fifth, we must battle in the civic arena of culture. These men fought for David on the battlefield. The battlefields today are school boards, city council, county commissioners, your company, your family. Stand up, speak up, and don't quit until you see change happen!

And that leads nicely into my last two points...

Verses 28, 30, 33

3) Mighty Men of Valor

- “Stouthearted” - this is where I took the word “lion-hearted” men. Definition: courageous, determined, stretch, strain, reach, active power, vigorous.
- A constitution strong enough to bear the fatigue of battle - if we are to bring a Kingdom of God revolution in our time, we must stay engaged in what's happening.
- Not easily subdued or willing to surrender.
- **Psalm 144:14** - like an ox
- Winston Churchill said, “Courage is rightly esteemed the first of human qualities... because it is the quality which guarantees all others.”

- He also said, “Fear is a reaction. Courage is a decision.”

Verse 33b

4) Keep Ranks

- David could not have won the war without men and women who were submitted to his leadership.
- The early church was unified under the leadership of the Apostles.
- At The Road, we are going to develop new ministries for Health, Education, Business, Media, and Public Policy.
- We are commissioned by God to turn our state RED, red with the Blood of Jesus from Branson in the south, to Wellington in the north, to Grand Junction in the west, to Burlington on the eastern border.
- Let’s WIN the state of Colorado before it’s too late!
- This will take “lion-hearted” men and women!