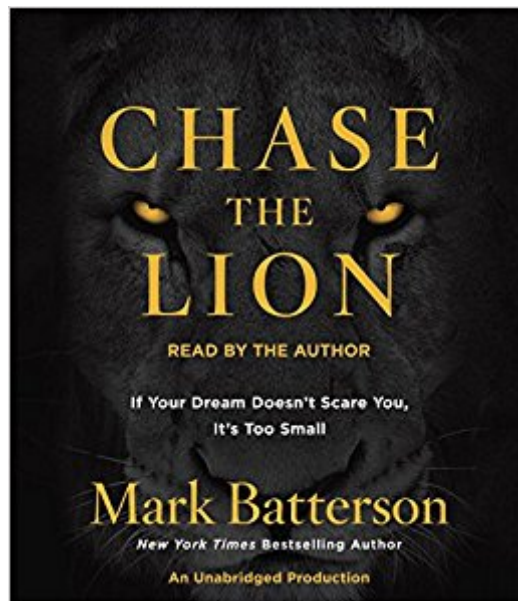




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Chase The Lion: If Your Dream Doesn't Scare You, It's Too Small



Synopsis

Quit playing it safe and start running toward the roar! When the image of a man-eating beast travels through the optic nerve and into the visual cortex, the brain sends the body a simple but urgent message: run away! That's what normal people do, but not lion chasers. Rather than seeing a five-hundred-pound problem, they see an opportunity for God to show up and show His power. Chase the Lion is more than a catch phrase; it's a radically different approach to life. It's only when we stop fearing failure that we can fully seize opportunity by the mane. With grit and gusto, New York Times best-selling author Mark Batterson delivers a bold message to everyone with a big dream. This is a wake-up call to stop living as if the purpose of life was to simply arrive safely at death. Our dreams should scare us. They should be so big that without God they would be impossible to achieve. Quit running away from what you're afraid of. Chase the lion! Change the world! What is your five-hundred-pound dream? In this highly anticipated sequel to his best-selling *In a Pit with a Lion on a Snowy Day*, Mark Batterson invites lion chasers everywhere to chase dreams so impossible that victory demands we face our fears, defy the odds, and hold tight to God. These are the kind of dreams that will make you a bigger person and the world a better place. Based upon 2 Samuel 23, *Chase the Lion* tells the true story of an ancient warrior named Benaiah who chased a lion into a pit on a snowy day and then killed it. For most people, that situation wouldn't just be a problem—it would be the last problem they ever faced. For Benaiah, it was an opportunity to step into his destiny. After defeating the lion, he landed his dream job as King David's bodyguard and eventually became commander-in-chief of Israel's army under King Solomon. Written in a way that both challenges and encourages, this revolutionary book will help unleash the faith and courage you need to identify, chase, and catch the five-hundred-pound dreams in your life.

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“Chase the Lion is a powerful, passionate, and inspiring message! When you pursue God’s dream for your life, it can be a little scary, but man is it worth it!”
•Tim Tebow
“Creative. Inspiring. Challenging. Batterson’s writings always leave us encouraged, and Chase the Lion is no exception. If you feel as if life has caused you to shrink the size of your dreams, this book is for you!”
•Louie Giglio, pastor of Passion City Church, founder of Passion Conferences, and author of The Comeback
“Mark Batterson reminds us to trust in the powerful truth that with God we don’t have to let our thinking be limited. By obeying Him, we let our growing faith push us to dream big and lean in ever closer to Him without fear or hesitation. It’s time to trust in our God, who allows us to accomplish things that seem bigger than we could ever imagine!”
•Craig Groeschel, pastor of Life.Church and author of #Struggles: Following Jesus in a Selfie-Centered World
“We seek out community in everything we do—and our dreams should be no different. In Chase the Lion, Batterson reminds us to come together, share our dreams, and chase after them. And in doing so, we become not only dream chasers but dream catchers for the others in our pride.”
•Steven Furtick, pastor of Elevation Church and New York Times best-selling author
“Chase the Lion fosters an expansive mind-set that drives our willingness to dream bigger than ever before. This mind-set is a choice, a decision, and a belief that God designed and created each of us for greatness, nothing less. If we aren’t courageous and bold enough to extend ourselves and believe that God will give us the capacity for greatness, we will have cheated our potential. This book is for anyone scared of not achieving the real greatness they are capable of.”
•Buzz Williams, head basketball coach at Virginia Tech
“Mark Batterson’s writing has had a profound impact on my life, both personally and professionally. Join me in accepting Mark’s challenge to pursue a dream so big that only God can turn it into a reality. Life is better when you’re chasing lions!”
•Kirk Cousins, quarterback for the Washington Redskins
“Pastor Mark has done it again! This is a must-read for anyone who has ever felt discouraged or disappointed. Chase the Lion not only helped me take a fresh look at my life’s purpose, but it also gave me the renewed energy

to dream big and work hard. Pastor Mark is truly gifted at making God's Word accessible and encouraging.

•Mara Schiavocampo, Good Morning America correspondent

"Mark's books have inspired me and helped me to inspire our team. Straight from God's Word, Chase the Lion is a great message for any team and for people in every walk of life."

•John Harbaugh, head coach of the Baltimore Ravens

"Mark Batterson is an outstanding voice among the emerging generation of pastors in the US. He has much wisdom to offer anyone who wants to draw closer to Jesus, combining brilliantly the vision and clarity of a pioneer with the warmth and kindness of a pastor."

•Nicky Gumbel, vicar of Holy Trinity Brompton

"I just finished Chase the Lion and am in tears, in awe of how my God created me to be a warrior for His great name. Mark's words force me to ask and answer: What lions am I chasing? What dreams am I dreaming that will make a difference in my children and my children's children and a hundred years from now?"

•Hugh Freeze Jr., head football coach at the University of Mississippi

Mark Batterson is the New York Times best-selling author of a dozen books, including The Circle Maker, In a Pit with a Lion on a Snowy Day, and Wild Goose Chase. He is the lead pastor of National Community Church (NCC), one of the most innovative and influential churches in America. One church with eight campuses, NCC also owns and operates Ebenezer's Coffeehouse, the Miracle Theatre, and the DC Dream Center. Mark holds a doctor of ministry degree from Regent University. He and his wife, Lora, and their three children love living on Capitol Hill.

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So...I thought I was a failure. I tried and it didn't work. I waited a few weeks and I tried again. It still didn't work. I waited a few weeks and I tried again. It still didn't work! I just can't do it. I cannot create a working pattern! I have lost my touch. I can't seem to do anything right. So I quit. I gave up. But, I still felt like God was tugging at my heart to try again. Why? I asked! I keep failing! Then...I started a book called Chase The Lion. I wasn't even halfway through the book when the proverbial light bulb went off in my head! As I read, "Games aren't won on game day. Games are won in the weight room, the film room, the locker room." I continued to read the chapter and I read this, "I don't know what dream you are chasing, but you have to prove yourself one swing, one rehearsal, one practice, one book at a time." I completed the chapter and realized I was not a failure. I had to try every day, I had to work harder, I could not give up when I had a failure slow me down, it IS one step at a time! It IS trying one more time! It IS failing one more time! It IS not giving up! You got to read this book! It

CAN change the way you perceive your dreams! It CAN give you new courage! It CAN put you on the God-given path you should be on! It CAN show you how God will show up for you! I was giving up too easily! I was not a failure! I had to become stronger in my convictions, no giving up! Nothing is won by sitting in a recliner, get up and run to your lion! Chase it! Hunt it! Go for it! You can do it! This book is well written and so easy to understand the path to chase your lion/dreams! Every word makes sense and each chapter brings you either closer to conviction that you CAN do it or you just don't want to try that hard! I dare you to read it!

"Success isn't winning or losing; it's obeying." Whaaaaat? That quote from Chase the Lion appears halfway through the book. There are many "ah ha!" moments (quotes) that Pastor Mark has peppered throughout this book. But this one really slapped me in the face. How many times have I heard God's voice nudging me to step forward? And how many times have I stepped backward? Why? Fear of failure. Failure to fight for my dreams. Listing my weaknesses instead of having the courage to pursue what God has placed on my heart. Can you picture the Cowardly Lion running down the hallway from the Wizard of Oz? That was me. I am now making a list of my God sized goals, my God given passions. "I will quit holding out. Quit holding back. Quit running away." This book is inspiring, thoughtful, encouraging and challenging. I highly recommend reading it. As Mark says on page 31: ""over time your favorite scripture becomes the script of your life. The promises of God become the plot line of your life. And the more you rehearse those lines, the more you get into character---the character of Christ. Your life becomes a unique interpretation of that life verse. This is mine: "See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland." Isaiah 43:19

This is an excellent read for any age. If your dreams are about you, read this book. Your dreams can and will have an impact to the 3rd and 4th generation - make them count.

This book is so great. The readability is smooth and easy, but if you're at a place in your life where you can go deep, the book can take you there. It's got so many great nuggets to take away too. I've already ordered a handful more to hand out to friends I know will be impacted by this book!

This has been the most incredible read! I have been inspired to pursue the call in a passionate way. I have not quite finished it, but when I do, I believe that I will be re-reading it, the next time with a group of friends. It is too good not to share. There is so much content, it needs to be discussed in as

small group. If you have any inclination to follow God's direction for your life, you need to read it. But beware, if you do, you will be held accountable to do something with your God-given dream. Highly Recommended! Chase the Lion: If Your Dream Doesn't Scare You, It's Too Small

Wow. This book! I have had dreams for so many years and all but given up completely on them. This book, from the very first page, encourages me to consider that the PATH to my dreams is not necessarily going to be smooth or quick or easy. Instead, I am encouraged to work at it diligently, be patient with the process and TRUST that the seeds of dreams planted in my heart at my very creation are there for a plan and a purpose. In some cases, those dreams may not be fulfilled for generations to come! My job is only to DO what God has placed on my heart to do, and trust Him for the outcome and timing. I love this book because it gives validity to the dreams so many others want to tell me are unrealistic. I am reminded that God created me with THIS heart and THESE dreams for a reason. And I am encouraged to BOLDLY take steps towards those dreams each day of my life. Thanks Mark Batterson for another INCREDIBLE book!

Reading this book could change your life. It is filled with examples of ordinary people who did or are doing extraordinary things in life for God and for good. My favorite paragraph: "We don't die when our hearts stop beating. We die when our hearts stop skipping a beat in pursuit of our passions, when our hearts stop breaking for the things that break the heart of God."

Wow! I am beyond inspired! I realized through this reading that sadly, I didn't have a dream! Through continued reading, fasting, and prayer, God gave me a dream. My dream is to attend seminary school. I pray that one day I can come back to this review and give the testimony of God getting me there. Thank you Mr. Batterson for helping this mother and wife see that God has a plan for me other than keeping a house clean. Haha! So ready to begin this journey!

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