

Run Toward the Roar

(2 Samuel 23:20-21)

- Introduction:
1. In times of crises and person danger, people generally experience one of two responses - fight or flight.
 2. While neither response is inherently wrong, one is probably almost universally view as nobler than the other.
 3. In this lesson, I want you to consider what your response to fear has been in the past, and to rise up to “run toward the roar.”

I. Historical Background

- A. (2 Samuel 23:8-39).
- B. David surrounded himself with several (37 of them) “mighty men” (23:39).
- C. These men had distinguished themselves by acts of bravery.
 1. Josheb-Basshebeth - Killed 800 men at one time (23:8).
 2. Eleazar - His hand stuck to his sword (23:10).
 3. Shammah - Stood by himself and fought while others fled (23:11-12).
- D. However, this lesson concerns the actions of a man named Benaiah.
 1. Benaiah was a valiant man.
 2. On a snowy day, he pursued and killed a lion in a pit (23:20).

II. Run Toward The Roar

- A. Just as David needed his “mighty men,” so the Lord needs “mighty men” today; men who do not run away from, but run toward their fears.
- B. (Revelation 21:8) Warns us that Cowardice will keep people out of heaven.
- C. Not only will unrighteous acts keep us out of heaven, but the mere failure to act will too.

III. Do You Hear A Roar You Should Run Toward?

- A. (Matthew 28:19-20) Evangelism.
 1. Do you need to face your fears and speak to someone about Jesus?
 2. “You Never Mentioned Him To Me.”
- B. (Matthew 10:34-39) Discipleship.
 1. Are you willing to make life-changes that are necessary to following more closely to God and his word?
 2. Might it involve a change in friends, job, home, etc.
- C. (2 Thessalonians 3:6,14) Discipline.
 1. Discipline in our homes as well as the church is unpleasant.
 2. However, we must overcome our fears and obey the Lord.

- Conclusion:
1. Let’s resolve to be for the Lord what David’s mighty men were to him.
 2. Let’s stop running from our fears, and “run toward the roar!”