



CREATING DISCIPLE MAKING MOVEMENTS AS JESUS DID

SPRING 2017

Doug & Mark Batterson, whose new book, *Chase the Lion*, includes the story of the Lion Spike.



THE MASAI LION SPIKE

A weapon used by the Masai tribe when hunting a lion. One brave Masai warrior "runs to the roar." While all the warriors encircle the lion with their spears, one of them charges the lion, and when he roars, ready to attack, the Masai thrusts the lion spike in his mouth, where his jaws are then impaled on the spike. The lion cannot bite down, allowing the other warriors to pounce on and kill the lion with their spears.

THE LION CHASER'S MANIFESTO

- Quit living as if the purpose of life is to arrive safely at death.
- Run to the roar.
- Set God-sized goals.
- Pursue God-given passions.
- Go after a dream that is destined to fail without divine intervention.
- Stop pointing out problems. Become part of the solution.
- Stop repeating the past. Start creating the future.
- Face your fears.
- Fight for your dreams.
- Grab opportunity by the mane and don't let go!
- Live like today is the first day and last day of your life.
- Burn sinful bridges.
- Blaze new trails.
- Live for the applause of nail-scarred hands.
- Don't let what's wrong with you keep you from worshiping what's right with God.
- Dare to fail.
- Dare to be different.
- Quit holding out.
- Quit holding back.
- Quit running away.
- Chase the lion.

ChaseTheLion.com Mark Batterson #ChaseTheLion

RUN TO THE ROAR!

Shortly before our family's Kenya adoption adventure in 2005, I had heard Erwin McMannus speak and then read his book, *The Barbarian Way*. The book was a challenge to abandon the "play it safe" mentality and live with bold faith. McMannus gave the example of the rhino, an animal that can run at speeds up to 30 miles per hour, but can only see 30 feet in front of its nose. But to the rhino, that doesn't matter. It will charge anyway. That's why a group

of rhinos is not called a herd, but rather a CRASH. McMannus' words emboldened us to abandon the easy road, move to Kenya, and bring Mary-Faith home.

A few years later, I read Mark Batterson's book, *In A Pit with a Lion on a Snowy Day*, which tells the story of Benaiah from 2 Samuel 23. Benaiah was one of King David's Mighty Men, became captain of his body guard, and eventually was made commander of the armies of Israel by David's son, King Solomon. One of Benaiah's exploits was chasing a lion into a pit

on a snowy day and killing it! Benaiah didn't run from the roar, He ran to it!

I was challenged to live with a fearless faith, a willingness to dream big and take risks for God. We started Open Door Haiti, built a medical clinic and an orphanage, adopted two more daughters, and stepped into a larger leadership role with Sonlife.

In 2013, I ran into Mark Batterson at a conference and told him I wanted to send him a special gift... a Lion Spike... as a symbol of courageous faith!



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Family News

SOMETHING TO CELEBRATE

Jaclyn graduates from Seminole High School Summa Cum Laude on May 26th. She's been accepted into the theatre program and the honors college at Long Island University with a full-tuition scholarship. We're so proud of her!



BACK IN HAITI

For the first time since we brought them home from Haiti April 2014, Analise and Maggie will travel back to Haiti with me in June. The girls are beyond excited to see friends and family in Haiti, eat some of their favorite Haitian food, and play with all the kids at the orphanage.



IT'S A BIG DEAL!

Watch out :) Emma is now officially a driver! She's passed her driver's test...



Our beautiful Mary-Faith turned 15 this month and begins high school in the Fall

Marisa began a Summer internship at Charisma Media, a Christian publishing company that's offices are two minutes from our house... She'll work there until she leaves for her mission trip to Southeast Asia in July.



We are incredibly grateful for your prayers for and support of our family!

*Serving Christ together,
Doug and Jennifer*

Sonlife A Global Impact



Josh, Joel, Calvin and Doug... the Chicago pose... in Prague!

Sonlife Team: No, we're not at Disney World... we're in Prague, Czech Republic with 60 disciple-making leaders from almost 30 countries!

From 2003 to 2013, we made about 80 trips globally to inspire, instruct and involve disciple-makers...

Now that I'm privileged to lead Sonlife North America, our global efforts have shifted to collaborating on an organizational level with Sonlife's global partners where we strategize for continent-wide impact.

GYI Leadership Forum
In March, our Sonlife leadership team was able to join leaders from almost 30 countries for the GYI Forum in Czech. We strategized together on building strong disciple-making movements and studied the history of the Moravian



Movement on location in Czech, Poland and Germany.

J-Life East Africa Forum
After having launched and led J-Life Africa's efforts in East Africa from 2005-2010, expanding our training efforts from Kenya to Uganda, Rwanda, Tanzania, Burundi and Zanzibar, it was an incredible privilege to invest in these leaders once again at the East Africa Forum in April. We had 25 leaders from 8 African nations gather for the week, including South Sudan and DRC.

DHM has been asked to help fund future Forums as resources must be provided to bring in and host the leaders.

DHM has provided ministry support for East Africa's Country Directors since 2010.