



## Chase the Lion

Week 6  
Chapters 11 & 12

Fighters don't walk away when the going gets tough, they fight to the finish for their convictions.

Question: Name a conviction that draws a line in the sand. What is that conviction and how was the fight?

### Benaiah's Feats

1. Benaiah was in charge of David's guard.
  - David puts him over the bodyguards (2 Samuel 22:23).
  - Benaiah protected David from King Saul and David's son Absalom.

Question: Name someone who you highly honor. Would you be willing to protect that person?

2. Benaiah commands David's mercenary forces.
  - Benaiah oversaw David's mercenary forces who fought.
  - Read 1 Chronicles 27:5-6
3. Benaiah's father is a priest.
  - Jehoiada was a leader amongst the priests, and rallied 3,700 men to support David when he was crowned at Hebron (1 Chronicles 12:21).

Question: Benaiah comes from the tribe of Levi and is a descendant of Aaron. How does legacy play out in a man's life?

4. Benaiah's grandfather was a valiant man also.
  - Both authors of Samuel and Chronicles tell us that Benaiah's grandfather was a valiant man from the town of Kabzeel (2 Samuel 28:20; 1 Chronicles 11:22).
5. Benaiah killed a lion in a pit on a snowy day.
  - Benaiah kills a lion in a pit which is recorded in 2 Chronicles 23:20 and in 1 Chronicles 11:22.

6. Benaiah kills two Moabite heroes (Ariel).

- Old Testament scholars divide on what “sons of Ariel” mean. The word Ariel is similar to word “lion”, aryeah. The KJV translates Ariel as “lion-like men”. This makes 2 Samuel 23:20 about Benaiah even more epic. Benaiah was a mighty man that killed two heroes that were as strong and brave as lions.

Question: Benaiah was a fierce fighter who wouldn't run. What qualities create that kind of man today?

7. Benaiah killed an Egyptian giant.

- David killed Goliath, but he's not the only giant slayer in the group. Benaiah kills a tall Egyptian about 7 feet tall (1 Chronicles 11:23).

8. Benaiah makes Solomon King.

- Solomon has a good looking half-brother named Adonijah and declares himself king while David is still alive. Benaiah is loyal to David and fully backs Solomon as king (1 Kings 1:36-37). Benaiah is the one who kills off the men who oppose Solomon (1 Kings 2:24-25, 34, 46). He also kills army commander Joab.

9. Benaiah becomes Solomon's general.

- Having secured the throne for Solomon, Benaiah receives a place of even higher honor. Solomon gives Benaiah Joab's old position; commander of the king's army (1 Kings 2:35, 4:4).

Question: Benaiah was a man known for a fierce fighter legacy. What is the legacy that you will be known for?

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