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DAY 1: The Day You Burn The Lazyboy

(Life is too short to spend it sleepwalking)

(SERIES: **Everything Begins With A Dream: 01 of 08**)
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"Hope deferred makes the heart sick; but WHEN DREAMS COME TRUE AT LAST, there is life and joy." (Prov 13:12)

"Now to him who is able to do **immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine**, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen." (Ephesians 3:20-21 NIV)

You Will Either . . .

Be **drowned** by your **dreads**.

"What I feared has come upon me; what I dreaded has happened to me." (Job 3:25)

Be **driven** by your **schemes**.

"Many are the plans in a man's heart, but it is the LORD's purpose that prevails." (Proverbs 19:21 NIV)

Be **drawn** to your **dreams**.

"Call to me and I will answer you and tell you **great and unsearchable things you do not know**." (Jer 33:3)

"In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams." (Acts 2:17 NIV)

What Do Dreams Draw Out Of You?

They draw out your **creative capacity**.

"Thank you for making me so wonderfully complex! It is amazing to think about. Your workmanship is marvelous--and how well I know it." (Psa 139:14)

They draw out your **latent potential**.

"You were there while I was being formed in utter seclusion! You saw me before I was born and scheduled each day of my life before I began to breathe. Every day was recorded in your book!" (Psa 139:15-16)

They draw out your **measure of faith**.

"For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the measure of faith God has given you." (Romans 12:3 NIV)

What Is A Big, Scary, Audacious Dream

It is far bigger than **me and my resources**.

It is doomed for **failure without divine favor**.

It dares change **the status quo**.

"Then these righteous ones will reply, 'Sir, when did we ever see you hungry and feed you? Or thirsty and give you anything to drink? Or a stranger, and help you? Or naked, and clothe you? When did we ever see you sick or in prison, and visit you?' And I, the King, will tell them, 'When you did it to these my brothers you were doing it to me!'" (Mat 25:37-40)