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DAY 2: The Day You Drink the Kool-Aid

(If you've got a dream, God's got a plan)

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"As the body without the spirit is dead, so **faith without deeds is dead.**" (James 2:26)

"Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him, and he will act."
(Psa 37:5)

3 Seasons In the Life of a Dreamer

The "Calling" Season.

"Jesse had seven of his sons pass before Samuel, but Samuel said to him, 'The LORD has not chosen these.' So he asked Jesse, 'Are these all the sons you have?' 'There is still the youngest' Jesse answered, 'but he is tending the sheep.' Samuel said, 'Send for him; we will not sit down until he arrives.' So he sent and had him brought in. He was ruddy, with a fine appearance and handsome features. Then the LORD said, 'Rise and anoint him; **he is the one.**'" (1 Sam 16:10-12)

"But the Lord said to Samuel, 'Don't judge by a man's face or height, for this is not the one. I don't make decisions the way you do! Men judge by **outward** appearance, but I look at a man's thoughts and intentions.'" (1 Sam 16:7)

"For the eyes of the Lord search back and forth across the whole earth, looking for people whose hearts are perfect toward him, so that he can show his great power in helping them. . . ." (2 Chr 16:9)

The "Seeking" Season.

"Now the Israelites had been saying, 'Do you see how this man keeps coming out? He comes out to defy Israel. The king will give great wealth to the man who kills him. He will also give him his daughter in marriage and will exempt his father's family from taxes in Israel.' David asked the men standing near him, '**What will be done for the man who kills this Philistine and removes this disgrace from**

Israel? Who is this uncircumcised Philistine that he should defy the armies of the living God?' They repeated to him what they had been saying and told him, 'This is what will be done for the man who kills him.'" (1 Sam 17:25-27)

The "Character-Shaping" Season.

"The men said, 'This is the day the LORD spoke of when he said to you, "I will give your enemy into your hands for you to deal with as you wish.'" Then David crept up unnoticed and cut off a corner of Saul's robe. Afterward, David was conscience-stricken for having cut off a corner of his robe. He said to his men, '**The LORD forbid that I should do such a thing to my master, the Lord's anointed,** or lift my hand against him; for he is the anointed of the LORD.'" (1 Sam 24:4-6)

Once You're Fully Committed

A B.S.A.D. will make you.

"'You acted foolishly,' Samuel said. 'You have not kept the command the LORD your God gave you; if you had, he would have established your kingdom over Israel for all time. But now your kingdom will not endure; **the LORD has sought out a man after his own heart** and appointed him leader of his people, because you have not kept the Lord's command.'" (1 Sam 13:13-14)

A B.S.A.D. will give you.

"Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. **For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.**" (Luke 6:38)

"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal."
(Matthew 6:19 NIV)

A B.S.A.D. will cost you.

"The point is this: the one **who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly**, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work." (2 Cor 9:6-8)

