



## [The Dream Giver](#)

by Bruce Wilkinson

★★★★☆ (4-1/2 stars)

*Buy this book:*

- *To discover the reality of the dream that is in your heart*
- *To understand the universal stages of the dream journey*

A Nobody named Ordinary lived in the Land of Familiar doing Usual things. But nagging on his heart was the desire to be Somebody and to do something

Extraordinary. He had a Dream. From the beginning the reader takes a journey with Ordinary as he moves through the seven stages of the Dream journey. And almost without realizing it, the reader finds himself feeling as though he, too, is meant to do the Extraordinary. He, too, has a Dream.

Much like John Bunyan's *Pilgrim's Progress*, Part One of Wilkinson's book opens with his modern day parable of Ordinary and his Dream. The adventures and experiences Ordinary faces are described in universal terms, supporting the idea throughout that everyone has a Dream inside their heart. This portion of the book reveals the challenges a Dreamer encounters on his pilgrimage toward his Dream. The language of the parable is conversational and written with a depth that adults can follow, but a simplicity that a child could enjoy.

Part Two is "The Journey to Your Big Dream" which it speaks directly to the reader, providing practical truths and examples of breakthrough. Wilkinson acts as a travel guide as chapter by chapter, he explains and illustrates the phases of a Dreamer pursuing his or her Dream. Each chapter of Part Two begins with a paragraph from the parable and ends with answers to common questions. This section is packed with real life stories of Dreamers and practical principles for personal application.

While there are many inspiring concepts discussed in this book, Wilkinson leaves the reader needing and wanting more. He describes himself in Part Two as a Dream Coach, but promises to offer advice for breakthrough, which is not reflective of a true coach. His style reflects a person who is a natural coach because many of his questions are quite powerful. Yet, his lack of training is evident in such things as his closed questions, his leading approach and his advice giving. While the book is guaranteed to stir the reader's desire to pursue his or her Dream, the content gives little information on how. Actually, *The Dream Giver* makes a great precursor to a professional coaching relationship.



Overall, the message of *The Dream Giver* is a challenge to leave the comfort zone in pursuit of the big Dream. The core belief is that everyone has a Dream that only they are meant to accomplish, but the journey toward its fulfillment has universal stages with practical truths for success. I highly recommend this book to support the individual who is searching for his purpose or pursuing a big Dream. Similarly, the concepts discussed are excellent resources for coaches as well. In *The Dream Giver* Wilkinson sets the stage for personal discovery and an innate desire to be something more. Therefore, to capitalize on this book, I recommend the reader find a life coach to aid in the personal application of its powerful ideas.

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