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“It is depressing to consider how many people will go to bed tonight never having thought of how God wanted them to spend the day. As Craig points out, this is a deadly cycle that quickly culminates in a wasted life. *Chazown* reminds us of the brilliance of our God who carefully created us and empowered us for a life of purpose. I pray it rescues many from an eternity of regret and leads them toward the satisfying and meaningful life God intended.”

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—DAVE GIBBONS, social entrepreneur, World Vision board member,
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“My Chazown is summed up in the words: living the reality of Christ. This one statement, though simple at first glance, has revolutionized my life. My personal values, giftings, and experiences have led me to a passion for leading people to live the reality of Christ in every area of their lives. The lights are on! I see God’s purpose for my life and how every area of my life can help me reach it.”

—BRANDON, age 32

“This past year my wife and I realized that because of debt and poor financial decisions, we were unable to respond financially when God called us to give, be active in missions, or whatever He asked. God used the message of *Chazown* to light a fire in us to be debt free quickly. We have already paid off one credit card, and we’re on track to have all of our debts—including our house—paid off in less than six years!”

—DERRICK, age 29

“One thing that Craig’s teaching on Chazown has helped me to realize is, God doesn’t waste time. It is apparent to me now that God is using all of my life experiences—personal and professional, good and bad—to accomplish His vision for my life. It has given me greater appreciation for some of the life experiences that if left up to me, I would have chosen not to go through. Plus I have a better understanding of how I can leverage all that experience for good where God has me today.”

—JERRY, age 42

“As I documented my core values, gifts, and experiences, I prayed that God would reveal exactly what that meant for me. He answered my prayer. I am here to make a difference in children’s lives! My mission is to partner with parents in providing children with the skills, experiences, and resources that will enable them to become fully devoted followers of Christ. As I have continued to pursue God’s calling in my ministry choices, He continues to equip me for bigger things. I feel so blessed to be able to bring glory and honor to God each day by fulfilling His calling on my life.”

—DEIDRA, age 28

“When I was in the midst of a job transition with different opportunities before me, I went back to what God revealed to me in my Chazown. One of my core values is relationships and fostering relational community through service. I am gifted in shepherding and leading. And I had lots of experience in working with teams of volunteers. This knowledge allowed me to see clearly that God was calling me to work in a very ‘hands-on’ environment. After a year I cannot imagine doing anything other than what I have the privilege of doing now.”

—GINA, age 33

“God has shown me that my Chazown is be close to Him and show Him to the world through music and word.”

—BRIAN, age 30

“A year ago my husband and I were homeless and unemployed with two little kids. Now, we *both* have jobs and have a home of our own. God is showing me that my Chazown is to be involved in children’s ministry somewhere, somehow. So I have been serving at our church’s LifeKIDS ministries. My husband and I have been so *blessed*. God truly is good.”

—MISTY, age 30

“After a lifelong struggle with my thought life, Craig taught on Chazown. God spoke to me and showed me that my Chazown is to live free and lead others to freedom. For over four years now, I have been free from pornography and a weak thought life. And my marriage is richer than I ever imagined it could be.”

—CHRIS, age 34

“After reading *Chazown*, God gave me the vision to get in better shape physically. The first thing I did was park in the south parking lot and use the stairs to get into the office. Then I walked on my lunch hour and changed my eating to include mostly vegetables, meat, and fruit. When I still wasn’t losing as much as I set in my goals, I joined a health club and began swimming laps. I now swim twenty to twenty-two laps four days a week and absolutely love it! But I would have missed out on this blessing if I hadn’t pursued what God was showing me. With God’s help I will lose all the weight I set in my goal. He is good!”

—JOANN, age 52

“My Chazown is to use my talents and abilities to inspire those around me so that they will seek out and find the love and grace of Jesus Christ. But when I first realized that, I was sitting at a computer in my office, which just happened to be an isolated room. And I am such a ‘people person’! My work situation then almost seems funny to me now, but at the time my heart was sad. God clearly said, *With your life experiences and personality... I have clearly called you to more than this*. I followed His lead, and now I am leading others and building relationships with new people every day.”

—TONI, age 36

“I had a vision to present a vehicle safety presentation to young drivers, but always found an excuse not to start it. When God showed me my Chazown, I realized that I must no longer delay, and I began to put my vision into action. It took me approximately two years to put a vehicle safety program together. But my presentation has won positive feedback.”

—BARRY, age 41

“You always hear of these great stories of people getting debt free and how they have been set free from financial burden, but I wondered how it would ever be my story. More than one hundred thousand dollars in credit card debt, student loans, medical bills—you name it, we were under it. Then came *Chazown!* With the help of *Chazown* and three years of increasingly good decisions, we finally were able to celebrate becoming debt free this year!”

—DAVID, age 35

“The focus of my life was always job and performance, and the results were predictable—stress in my marriage, distance from my family, and burnout at my job. God showed me that my real Chazown is first of all my wife and family and then letting Him use my talents and abilities to be in mission. Today, my marriage couldn’t be better, and my ministry is more meaningful and satisfying than it ever has been.”

—DANNY, age 47

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PART 1

SEEING CLEAR
TO THE END

Why you need a new kind of vision

YOUR FINAL CHAPTER

Most people take a long time to die.
(This is no way to start a book, you say.)

But think about it. There are those few who go suddenly. Accidents. Heart attacks. Gang shootings. A soapy slip off the edge of the tub. But for you, chances are that at the end of your life, you will die in bed. Waiting.

And while you wait, you will very likely have days, weeks, even years to think, to look back on your life.

Imagine yourself there, lying in bed and reflecting. Reading back through the chapters of your life story.

What did my life add up to?

Did I really matter?

What did I live for?

Who will remember me?

What will they say about me when I'm gone?

Why was it important that I existed?

So many questions. So much time. Will you lie there with no regrets? Some regrets? Nothing but regrets?

Imagine.

Or not. I mean, you'll probably have time to think about it when you get to that

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lying in bed and reflecting.

bed. So you could just wait. (Millions do.) See what comes. Wait until the final pages of your life story to see how it reads to you then.

But that's no way to end the story of your life.

Here's one more thing to think about: the decisions you are making today are actually making the bed you will lie in while you wait to die.

Which is why I wrote this book. To help you see your life differently, to see it the way your Creator saw it before you were born. And to live it with purpose and passion.

Starting now.

DESPERATE FOR VISION

I'm going to let you in on a secret. From this point on, to the end of the book, I'm winging it. That's right. I'm making it up as I go. I didn't have time to think through anything except the first few pages—thank you for reading this far—and the publishers needed the book right away.

But stay with me.

Keep reading.

If I accidentally say something good, you'll find it.

And now for another secret: What I just said? I was kidding.

That's no way to write a book.

But what if I had written this book without any forethought or preparation? If I did, you'd be kicking yourself for wasting your money and your valuable time. I wouldn't think of writing this or any other book without preparation, and neither would you.

But the greater and all-too-real tragedy is that so many in my generation are going through life without a vision, a big idea, a plan for their lives. I've found that if you ask people, "What is your vision for life?" you'll get answers like:

"I want to be rich."

"I want to be famous."

"I want to eat everything I want without getting fat!" (Someone actually told me that.)

But those aren't visions or big ideas for a life. They're substitutes for the real thing. They're glittery placeholders. They're excuses to allow us to continue to drift.

For the most part, people just stumble halfheartedly through life hoping tomorrow will be better than today. No plan. No dream. Mostly just existing.

Hoping for a break. They just keep turning the pages of their life story, one after the other, until they get to the final chapter.

And then...it's time for bed.

Death is a topic most people don't like to think about. As a pastor, I spend a lot of time helping people deal with it. Life-threatening illnesses. Sudden accidents. Funerals. Grieving families.

After a death, I always ask the family to tell me what was good in the life of the deceased. The answers are revealing.

Some families start talking and can't stop. They cry and laugh, relating story after story of a person who touched their lives, or gave their world meaning and hope. They celebrate a legacy. To them, the person now dead lives on

So many in my generation are living without a vision, a big idea for their lives.

as a shining light, an unforgettable example. A hero. A gift.

Other families fall into an awkward silence. They each seem to hold their breath. They stare at the floor. I know what they're

doing—they're trying to come up with something honorable and good to say. They're glossing over pain, explaining away failures. Sometimes they start to speak, but...

I hate those silences.

Every life story, the good and the not-so-good, reinforces one central principle:

K EY THOUGHT
Everyone ends up somewhere. But few people end up somewhere on purpose.¹

FEARFULLY AND WONDERFULLY MADE

The great news is that anyone can discover meaningful life direction. Everyone can end up somewhere on purpose. Not just the remarkably talented or fortunate. You. Me. Everyone.

The Bible makes it clear that we were designed from the start to live for a unique reason. For a dream. A big idea. A personal mission. That's because you

and I are made in the image of a forward-looking, purposeful God. In Isaiah 46:10, He said, “I make known the end from the beginning, from ancient times, what is still to come. I say: My purpose will stand, and I will do all that I please.”

In other words, before God starts something, He is certain of the outcome.

And God’s map of history includes a unique plan for *your* life. In Psalm 139:13–16, David wrote:

You created my inmost being;
 you knit me together in my mother’s womb.
 I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made;
 your works are wonderful,
 I know that full well.
 My frame was not hidden from you
 when I was made in the secret place.
 When I was woven together in the depths of the earth,
 your eyes saw my unformed body.
 All the days ordained for me
 were written in your book
 before one of them came to be.

Did you catch the amazing truth in those lines? God created you with a divine undertaking in mind. Before you were born, God knew you. And He knew what He wanted your life to be like.

That’s why God calls us to live on purpose, keeping the end in view. And what’s more, He invites us to seek Him in order to learn what His perfect plan is for our lives. Then, with that plan in mind, we can reach His and our greatest dreams. Anything less is a mistake, a lie, and a ripoff.

God calls us to live
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Of course, living out your personal purpose, reaching for your God-given dream—that all sounds fine. But life happens. Bills pile up. Problems press in. We’re blasted every day by a hundred media messages that tell us what we *really* need to do—the one thing that would change our lives—is buy a new truck. Or get to the mall. Or drink lite beer.

You talk about purpose...

If we're not careful, we can fall dreadfully behind, trying frantically to catch up, trying to accomplish...absolutely nothing.

But it doesn't have to be that way.

MADE FOR THIS

I'll bet your life is busy. Mine is too. For me, raising six children is challenging enough. Add to it the task of leading a large church with multiple campuses, and I often don't know if I'm coming or going.

My friends ask, "Craig, how do you do it all? Aren't you afraid you'll burn out?" What they really mean is, *Are you sure you're not heading for the psych ward?*

I can say with all honesty that my job and my family are never burdens. Sometimes I get tired. But I'm nowhere near burnout.

Why? Because this is what God created me to do. I have no doubt about it. I'm wired for this. This is the vision God put in me. And when God gives you His vision, He also gives you the ability to get it done. When you're living God's vision for your life, you spring out of bed with excitement. When someone asks if you like what you do, you shout "I love it!"?

But, Craig, you might ask, will God give me a vision?

Absolutely. I'm certain of it. In fact, the Bible tells us that vision is critical to our very survival:

K^{EY THOUGHT}
 "Where there is no vision, the people perish"
 (Proverbs 29:18, KJV).

This is the most important statement from Scripture that I will quote in this book. It's so important, in fact, that it is the source of the book's title.

WITHOUT CHAZOWN

The word *vision* comes from the Hebrew word *chazown* (pronounced khaw-ZONE). Not to be confused with *cassonas*, which is Spanish for underwear.

Chazown starts with a letter that doesn't exist in English. It's not the *ch* sound in *cheesecake*. You pronounce it by making a hacking sound at the back of your throat, like you're hawking and getting ready to spit.

Try it. Say *khaw-ZONE*.

And again. *Cha-ZOWN*.

Well, you'll get better with practice. (Incidentally, you may need to wipe off the page before you go on.) But more important than the pronunciation is the word's meaning. It means "dream" or "revelation" or "vision."

You'll notice that Chazown is frequently represented in this book by a spiral, or swirl. It stands for the energy, focus, and creativity that are released when you pursue your personal vision.

Chazown



Cha-ZOWN.

Where there is no Chazown—no dream, no revelation, no vision, no sense of our created purpose—we perish.

Where there is no vision that you were created to have a growing, life-long, and personal relationship with your Creator, your inner being withers and dies.

Where there is no vision that you have been placed on earth to matter deeply to other people, and reveal God's love and power to them, you live in loneliness and your relationships perish.

Where there is no vision for a godly family, you have a 50 percent chance of ending up divorced.

Where there is no vision that your body is the temple of God's Spirit—property on loan from Him—your physical health slips away. Your exuberance fades.

Where there is no vision for a financially wise lifestyle, you can live in the richest country on earth and still be drowning in debt.

Where there is no vision for meaningful work, people live for five o'clock. They really just exist. Their goal is to survive—to pay bills, stay married, keep the kids out of jail...

But you and I were made for so much more.

ONE LONE CHAZOWN

Imagine one man with one dream.

I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed: “We hold these truths to be self-evident; that all men are created equal.”

I have a dream that one day on the red hills of Georgia, the sons of former slaves and the sons of former slave owners will be able to sit down together at the table of brotherhood....

I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character.

I have a dream today....

I have a dream that one day every valley shall be exalted, and every hill and mountain shall be made low, the rough places will be made plain, and the crooked places will be made straight, and the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together....

When we allow freedom to ring, when we let it ring from every village and every hamlet, from every state and every city, we will be able to speed up that day when all of God’s children, black men and white men, Jews and Gentiles, Protestants and Catholics, will be able to join hands and sing in the words of the old Negro spiritual: “Free at last! Free at last! Thank God Almighty, we are free at last!”

—Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Imagine. Three decades after his death, Dr. King’s dream—at the time that’s all it was—is still impacting lives. His dream continues to change how we see each other, who we sit with at dinner, what we hope for, what we’re willing to die for.

Imagine one man
with one dream.

One man with one God-given dream.

What if God gave you such a dream, such a Chazown? What if your life continued to change the world even after you died?

Imagine one God-come-to-earth man with one dream. Two thousand years after Jesus' death and resurrection, the world is still reeling from the shock of grace. We still stagger at the gift of endless life, of absolute forgiveness, of salvation—undeserved, unasked for, unpaid for, freely given. What Jesus accomplished by living out the Father's vision for His life is beyond words. And yet so simple, so perfectly clear.

Listen to what Jesus Himself said about His purpose:

“The Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost” (Luke 19:10).
Don't distract Me with anything else.

“No one takes [my life] from me, but I lay it down of my own accord.... This command I received from my Father” (John 10:18). *He, and He alone, determines My life purpose.*

“I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full” (John 10:10).
My purpose is crystal clear.

You'd have to agree—Jesus understood God's Chazown, for which He was sent. He could have quit at any time. Everyone else would have.

Yet He never turned aside. Never turned back.

Never.

Imagine. One disciple with one dream. The apostle Paul wasn't the Son of God. He wasn't perfect. (I think he wasn't even likable some of the time.) But he had the same kind of clarity about his purpose.

“I consider my life worth nothing to me, if only I may finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me—the task of testifying to the gospel of God's grace” (Acts 20:24).

What if your life continued
to change the world even
after you died?

Imagine one disciple. Imagine you.

What is your purpose on this earth?

What has God designed you uniquely to do?

When you get a vision for what God has in mind for your life, things change. A lot.

FOUR GIFTS

The first thing that will happen is that the vision God gives you will bring *focus* to your life. You'll know exactly what you're here to do.

When you begin to understand what you're supposed to do, you can better discern what you're *not* supposed to do. And this is important, because other people also have plans for your life. I can't count the number of *good* opportunities and invitations I receive from people. But *good* opportunities shouldn't distract from the *better* and the *great*. And because of the focus of my vision, I say respectfully over and over again, "I'm sorry. I just don't do that because that's not in line with the vision that God has given me."

The same is true for you. Every day you will have many opportunities to be distracted with "good" things. Chazown gives you the ability to say no to good things and say yes to great things.

With Chazown also comes *endurance*. God's plan is certain to include some tough times. Jesus assured us, "In this world you will have trouble" (John 16:33).

My wife, Amy, has given birth to six kids, with several pregnancies requiring extended bed rest. And every time, I am amazed that she is able to endure it. I don't know of one lady who thinks, *I'd like to gain thirty pounds. My body parts aren't big enough. Let's make some of them bigger. And I definitely want varicose veins and a bad case of gas. And at the end, I want to know what it feels like to push a cantaloupe through a garden hose!*

But when I ask Amy how she does it, she answers, "Craig, it's the picture I have of holding that little baby when it's all over."

With Chazown comes *peace*. How many people do you know who are wracked with anxiety over their identity, their purpose, their significance? With vision, when you wake up you know who you are and why you're here.

Several months ago, I was going to officiate a wedding for some friends. Their wedding was at a house that I had never visited. Although Amy and I left with time to spare, it wasn't until we were midway there that I realized I had left the map at home. Because the wedding was close to starting, everyone had

turned off their cell phones. I had no way to contact anyone and no map to find the house. I was lost.

Oh, did I mention that my anxiety level was pegged at a ten? The right map would have brought me complete peace.

The same is true for you. If you are living your Chazown, you will live in peace. You will know that you are making the proper turns in life at the proper times to end up at the desired destination. (About the wedding: Eventually we stumbled upon the house by accident, very late and very embarrassed. In time, though, to pronounce them man and wife. At least they'll have a good story to pass down to their kids.)

Finally, with Chazown comes *passion*. You show me a person who has no motivation in life, and I'll show you a person who has no vision. Every single time.

All great people are filled with great passion.

Years ago, several British ministers asked the famous nineteenth-century evangelist D. L. Moody why his ministry was so effective. This was a fair question. You see, Moody would have been considered poorly educated at best.

Moody took the ministers to his hotel window and asked the men to tell him what they saw. As they gazed at a city park, all agreed they saw people. People in a park.

With tears in his eyes, the great evangelist said, "But I see countless souls who will one day spend eternity in hell if they do not find their Savior."²

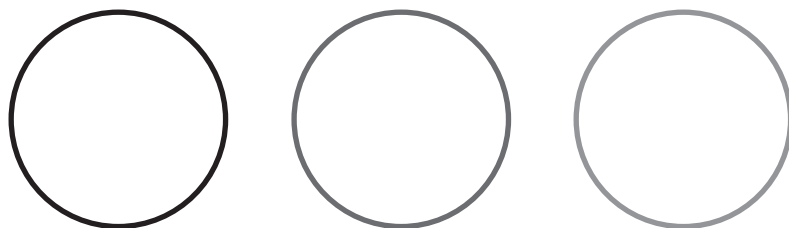
This man had a vision to tell the world about Christ. His vision resulted in unstoppable passion.

And you've been blessed with a Chazown that can do the same for you. It's a different way to see your life.

IN THE PAGES AHEAD

In the pages ahead I think you'll find an unusual reading experience. (When we're talking about a human life and what it's really worth, "usual" would be inexcusable.)

We'll begin with the end in mind: writing your epitaph. Next we'll look at some surprising case studies of visionaries in the Bible. Then we'll search for your vision in three critical and very revealing areas of your life. These areas, which we'll represent as circles, are like personal Rorschach tests—you look at them long enough and prayerfully enough, and they'll show you important clues to your God-given destiny.



From there I'll help you not only find your own Chazown, but put it into writing. And not just the essence of your Chazown, but what you will need to accomplish to make it a reality. By the time you're done, you'll even know the very next thing you need to do to get things started.

Trust me—His vision for your life is bigger and better than you've had the courage to even hope for. Your God is that good.

The last half of the book will help you succeed where many talented, motivated dreamers fail—in the personal disciplines, the small *c* chazowns, that are absolutely essential for a full, God-honoring, and rewarding life.

At various points during the discussion, you'll be directed to write in a journal. Use it to record what you discover and what you're still thinking through, and to plot your plans with God's help for a new kind of life.

Visit www.chazown.com for many resources that will enrich your learning experience.

If you read this book honestly, humbly, and prayerfully, I promise that your life will change dramatically for the better. That's what God wants for you. He eagerly waits for you to experience His amazing vision for you.

Are you willing to let God disturb you with dreams so big that you don't know how they'll be accomplished?

Trust me—His vision for your life is bigger and better than you've had the courage to even hope for. Your God is that good. That strong. And He loves you that much.

“DISTURB US, LORD...”

Sir Francis Drake once prayed a prayer that was later quoted by a missionary named Jeanie Curryer in one of her prayer letters. This prayer has changed my life. It went:

Disturb us, Lord, when we are too well pleased with ourselves.
When our dreams have come true because we dreamed too little,
when we arrive safely because we have sailed too close to the shore.
Disturb us, Lord.³

Are you willing to let God disturb you with dreams so big that you don't know how they'll be accomplished? A vision that can only come true if He pulls it off?

That's what you'll get if you come on this journey. If you seek God's unique life purpose for you.

I won't promise the road will be smooth. But I do promise you can start today living with a vision for fulfillment. You will wake up every day with purpose and passion, motivated anew to fulfill your destiny.

No more wandering. No more emptiness. No more searching.

You will say, “This is why I was created. This is the meaning for my existence.”

And God will smile.

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YOU'RE THE AUTHOR

Plan Your Epitaph

Take a moment and write your final chapter, the way you want it to be. And as you do, think about your life *from this point forward*. Forget the past, because you can't change it. During those final days, how do you *want* to be able to finish the following statements?

Your Epitaph:

- The thing that was most important to me was...
- People say I stood for...
- I made a difference in my world by...
- God was glorified because I...
- People knew I loved them because...
- The reason I expect God to say "well done" is...

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