

**Suggested Interview Questions for Caylin Louis Moore, author of
*A Dream Too Big: The Story of an Improbable Journey from Compton to Oxford***

“The NFL may have been my dream, but God had something else in mind for me.
The Rhodes Scholarship could be a light I would shine for my community,
something that would take me into an unknown world of hope.”

- Your family lived in a middle-class Moreno Valley neighborhood until you entered first grade. How did you family end up in Compton?
- How did your home life change in the inner city? How did your school experience change?
- What drove your achievements in school? What obstacles did you overcome in elementary/middle school?
- You are a big dreamer, Caylin. What was your first “too big” dream during childhood?
- How did the Snoop Youth Football League impact your life?
- How did your mom’s example and her faith help you persevere through football and school?
- How did your father’s life impact you as a boy? How did his murder conviction affect you as a young man?
- Your high school, located in the heart of the infamous Watts neighborhood, helped you reach the dream of attending college. Have you been back to Verbum Dei since graduation?
- You attended Marist College (NY) after high school. What surprised you about campus life? Was it a challenge to focus on both education and football?
- You injured your back at Marist then took a job as a janitor to make ends meet. How difficult was that transition? What inspired you to keep moving forward?
- After a summer program at Princeton, you transferred to Texas Christian University to play NCAA Division 1 football. Talk about how you launched the SPARK program with your teammates at TCU.
- You met your wife Paola at TCU who was a star on the track & field team. What did you and Paola have in common besides athletics?
- Before you graduated TCU with a degree in Economics, you applied for the Rhodes Scholarship. You had earned other scholarships, including a Fulbright and Rangel. Why was the Rhodes your biggest dream?
- What went through your mind as your name was announced as a 2017 Rhodes Scholar? What were your last months at TCU like after the news broke? You say an ESPN article changed your life at that point – how?
- You are wrapping up your two-year Rhodes program with a master’s degree in Latin American Studies. What is next for Caylin Moore?
- You and Paola have been married almost two years and have a baby daughter (Mia). What dreams do you have for your marriage and fatherhood?
- Children living in inner cities and poverty face monumental challenges. What are your big dreams for them?
- You decided to write your memoir at 24 years of age. Arguably, you are just getting started. Why write it now?
- This is a time of intense political polarization. A time requiring unity, some might argue. What are the unifying qualities of your book that people can hold onto?
- What advice would you give to your younger self, perhaps 10 - 15 years ago, when times were the toughest?

GUEST: Caylin Moore - Rhodes Scholar, founder of SPARK, author, speaker, husband and father
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