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# Biography

On the festive day of October 7, 1977, inside a Salvation Army, in the city of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Joaquin Shariff Calbazana was born to a young, teen mom by the name of Charrise Higgins. Young, confused, and overwhelmed, this beautiful young mother exhibited what she believed at the time to be an unselfish act of love. She gave her baby boy up for adoption. She had no idea that his birth alone was an announcement to the world of God's grace and mercy. The parallels surrounding his existence would be revealed to him years later, but he would know and so would the rest of the world that God truly makes no mistakes.

In early childhood, Joaquin had become accustomed to a life of struggle. His constant need for food, shelter, and love was a sense of normalcy for him. He knew no other life outside of the realm in which he had been reared. This precious boy bounced in and out of shelters, and went from one foster family to another, never truly understanding the concept of stability. The closest he ever got to having an intact family unit was when his mother and stepfather fought to get him back and he went to live with them; however, it was still a huge struggle for his family. They bounced in and out of homeless shelters until finally relocating to a low-income, Oak Cliff area of Dallas. As this boy transitioned to teenage years, he began to see minor inconsistencies that didn't match with what he knew. His inquisitive nature helped him to have an epiphany that changed his entire perspective. Once Joaquin grasped the concept that his subpar circumstances could be changed and that he had the power to do so, his brilliance was ignited by his determination to change his plight. By the time this young man, who had now become more affectionately known by his peers as "Dream" reached high school, he had obtained a work ethic like no other! Dream became a self-made man...

On his first day at Skyline High School, it was no doubt about it that the gorgeous, fair-skinned, green-eyed freshman in the yellow Cross Colors outfit who donned a fresh pair of all white, leather, "Dopeman Nikes," was that dude to watch. From then on, Dream became something that not even he could foresee. From throwing parties out of utter desperation to realizing he had the gift of networking and bringing people together. He quickly became the buzz in the streets that everyone wanted to attach themselves to. His promotional parties and events birthed the first business. His love for music and his niche for getting people together helped him with creating "Dream Entertainment."

As a young adult transitioning into his manhood, Dream would take the world by storm with his giving spirit and his Hustle & Grind mentality. He never realized that it would actually become his very own brand, for "as a man thinketh, so is he!" He has, by far, surpassed the expectations of a child who grew up in the impoverished conditions that he did. As a preacher's kid, Dream was no stranger to God's greatness and the church, but that was only one fraction of where he got his gift from. The missing piece of the puzzle that would turn Dream from the man to be around to the hometown hero would come much later...





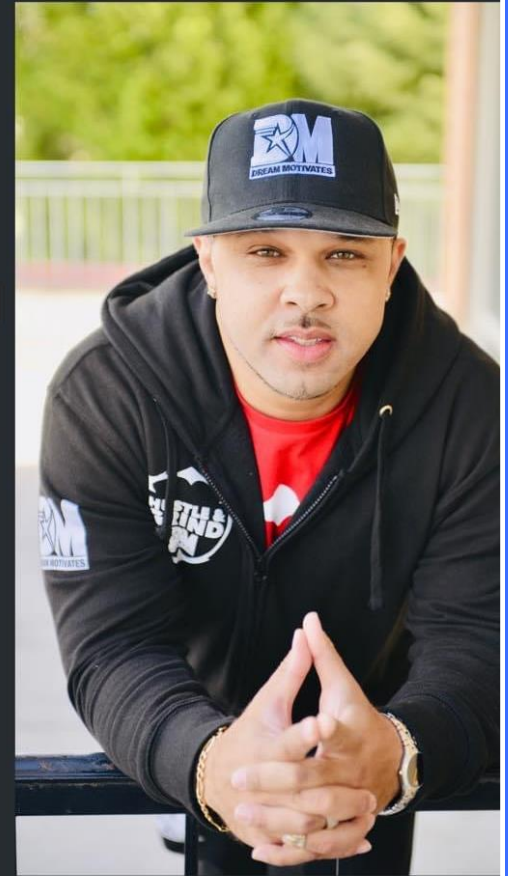
On the gloomy day of January 5, 2013, life as he knew it would forever change for Dream. His mother, his number one supporter, his first love, everything - his entire world passed away from lung cancer. He was fiercely dedicated to his mother, and he loved her more than the air he breathed. That was the day that Dream, once again, felt abandoned and alone like the little boy from his childhood. In that very moment, all that he was, all the places he had been, and all that he had accomplished mattered not for it could never bring his mom back! He was truly in a downward spiral trying to find his purpose again after suffering such a devastating loss.

Dream wed his beautiful bride, Twania, in 2013, but there was still a gaping hole in his heart. Something was missing; his mother knew he would one day become a motivational speaker, and she is the reason he even began to pursue that dream that she prophesied into his life. Not knowing how this would change his life, a friend of Dream sent him a motivational message recorded by number one motivational speaker, Dr. Eric Thomas. Unsure where to turn, not knowing who to look to, Dream surrendered himself fully to God. After watching the video and seeing the message, he made up in his mind that it was definitely his calling to become a motivational speaker. It was not happenstance that Dream got the opportunity to meet Dr. Eric Thomas shortly after, and that what happened during their encounter was so divine.

Dream is now a Dr. Eric Thomas CERTIFIED, motivational speaker who is known around the nation as "Dream Motivates." His logo of capital letters "DM" is branded on his personal apparel line that features fashionable and trendy gear like the "Hustle & Grind" sweatsuits which are popular among all generations, and the "Moms Don't Quit" shirts that are worn by moms all over the US. Dream continues to do his work as a motivational speaker in his community and is anxiously awaiting the day when the world opens up so he can reschedule his National Conference based on the contents of his soon to be released book entitled "Out Earn the Problem." Dream is not just an eloquent orator, he reaches the masses with his constant charitable works within his community. Over the years, Dream has orchestrated several car giveaways, toy drives, and entrepreneurial workshops. His life's work is dedicated to giving single mothers options, and teaching the world financial literacy to bridge the gap in our society where things are so systemically stacked against black families.

Dream's dream is for no child to be left in poverty, no mom to be hopeless, and no father to feel he is out of choices and has to walk out on his child(ren). The power of his words influence, motivate, and inspire others to overcome poverty of life and spirit. From disappointment to destiny, Dream now teaches hungry entrepreneurs to out-earn the obstacles that undermine their dreams and deter them from their success. He has used his own story of tragedy to triumph to instruct others on achieving truth growth, development, and financial success and intelligence in business. What Dream so candidly refers to as his Ph.D., really stands for poor, hungry, and determined. But the truth of the matter is that each attribute Dream possesses was carefully chosen by God. He gave him green eyes because our currency is green and he knew that he could teach the masses how to see and obtain it by teaching them how to "Out Earn The Problem." He made sure he was born in the Salvation Army because he knew that he would be born into a ministry of giving and have a life of philanthropy by feeding into others physically and spiritually. Regardless of whether it was known then, it is truly evident in all that he has done, and continues to do around the globe for others. Dream is proof that dreams do come true.

# KNOW YOUR WORTH GET OUT OF YOUR OWN WAY.



# Purpose

Dream is like fine wine, but grapes are crushed to make fine wine. He is a diamond, but diamonds are forged under great pressure to form. He is like fine oil, but olives must be crushed to make it. Dream is like your favorite plant, but the seed of said plants grows out of cold and darkness. The adversities he faced, he looked them square in the eye and either went above, around or through them. He made the best of any circumstance by out-earning the problem instead of making excuses and that has become his purpose - sharing that gift with anyone who will listen, apply, and execute.

Dream's entire existence and all that he works hard for revolves around his family unit. His wife, Twania, is his number one supporter and is the perfect complement to his life. She is the epitome of the Proverbs 31 woman, and Dream has not allowed the high demands of his life to let him forget that "He who findeth a wife, findeth a good thing" because he adores her and shows her in works and in words. Dream has a daughter, Jada, who is breathtakingly beautiful. Jada definitely has an entrepreneurial spirit like her dad. She is a cosmetologist who specializes in braids, extensions and installs.

Dream and his wife, whom he so affectionately refers to as his "T-baby," share a son, named Joaquin Jr. "Baby Dream" is a strikingly handsome, smart, witty, inquisitive young boy who keeps his mom and dad on their toes. It is evident by his explorative nature that the world is not ready for Dream reloaded. He is a ball of energy and wise beyond his years. Dream adores his mother-in-law, and the selective members of his self-selected family and friends. He values each interpersonal relationship dearly and it shows. Dream is truly a servant leader!





# JOAQUIN CALBAZANA



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