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— PRESENTS —

THE NEXT BIG IDEA

How a handful of simple ideas changed the world —
and the quiet reason the next one could be yours.



*“Every world-changing company was once
just a thought someone almost ignored.”*

Rudy Bailey, MBA

HELPING EVERYDAY PEOPLE TURN IDEAS INTO ACTION

From the Founder



If you had told me twenty years ago that I would one day own and operate a landscaping company for two decades, earn an MBA, lead organizations, and help other people launch businesses of their own, I probably would have laughed.

Not because I lacked ambition. Because at the time, I didn't even own a lawn mower.

In fact, I didn't own much of anything. I had lost my job. Our car had been repossessed. The future felt uncertain, and like many people facing difficult circumstances, I was simply trying to figure out how I was going to provide for my family.

Yet even in that season, I held onto a simple belief:



Circumstances don't get the final word.

Looking back now, I can see that what felt like setbacks were often the beginning of something new.

Someone donated an old vehicle. Someone else let me borrow a mower. And somewhere in the middle of all that uncertainty came a thought that seems almost laughable in hindsight — “What if I started a landscaping business?”

Think about that for a moment. A man without a mower deciding to start a landscaping business. By most standards, it didn't make much sense. But I took the next step anyway.

A borrowed mower became one yard. Then another. Then another.

Over time, that unlikely idea grew into a business that supported my family, served countless customers, and remained in operation for more than twenty years.

What amazes me most isn't what the business became. It's that I almost never started — because I was waiting. Waiting for confidence. Waiting for certainty. Waiting for enough money. Waiting for proof that it would work. And if I had waited for all of those things, I'd probably still be waiting today.

That experience taught me something I'll never forget:

Most people don't suffer from a lack of ideas.
They suffer from a lack of action.

Too many dreams get parked in the lot called “someday.”

A business idea · A ministry · A career move

A creative project · A book · A calling

A dream you've talked yourself out of more times than you can count.

That's why THRIVE exists — not because everyone should start a business, and not because everyone should follow my path, but because I believe far too many people are carrying ideas that never get the chance to become reality.

If that's you, I want you to know: you don't need perfect circumstances. You don't need all the answers. You don't need certainty. You simply need the courage to take the next step.

Because sometimes the greatest opportunities begin with nothing more than a borrowed mower, an unlikely idea, and faith the size of a mustard seed. And that's what this guide is about.

Rudy Bailey
FOUNDER · THRIVE2DAY™

It all begins with a *thought*.

Look around the room you're sitting in. The phone resting near your hand. The chair holding you up. The coffee cooling beside you. The building over your head. The app you opened this morning without a second thought.

Every single one of them began the same way: as a flicker of an idea inside one ordinary human mind. Invisible. Weightless. Easy to ignore.

Nothing you can see, touch, or use today arrived fully formed. Before it was a product, it was a *maybe*. Before it was a company, it was a *conversation*. Before it was a movement, it was a single restless thought that refused to sit still.

EACH BEGAN AS A
THOUGHT

The smartphone.
The airplane.
The vaccine.
The corner bakery.
The song you love.
Every company
you admire.

*Every invention, every business, every breakthrough was once **nothing more than an idea** someone decided to take seriously.*

Which raises a question that should keep all of us up at night — a question we rarely stop to ask:

THE QUESTION WORTH SITTING WITH

What if every great idea had simply stayed trapped inside the head of the person who first imagined it?

No iPhone. No Amazon at your door. No cure that saved someone you love. A world quietly poorer — not because the ideas were never *had*, but because they were never *acted on*.

Let me tell you about three ideas that almost didn't happen.

The man who saw a different phone

Rewind to the mid-2000s. If you wanted to listen to music, you carried an iPod. If you wanted to make a call, you carried a phone with tiny plastic buttons. If you wanted the internet, you waited for a clumsy screen to crawl to life. Three devices. Three frustrations. And almost everyone agreed it was simply *how phones worked*.

One man refused to agree. He looked at that pocketful of gadgets and imagined a single sheet of glass that could be all of them at once — something so simple a child could use it without a manual.

The skepticism was loud. Critics insisted people wanted physical keys. Industry veterans called a glass-only phone a gimmick that would never sell. The safe move was obvious: build another phone like all the others.

He acted anyway — committing years and a fortune to a future no focus group had asked for. And in 2007, he walked onto a stage and revealed it. Within a few short years, the “gadgets in your pocket” vanished, and the entire world reorganized itself around a single pane of glass.

What if he had kept that idea to himself — and simply built another phone with buttons?

THE WORLD IN 2006

Keyboards on every phone. A stylus to tap the screen. “Good enough” was the ceiling — and almost no one looked above it.

✦ **The takeaway:** The world didn’t change because someone was certain. It changed because someone acted before certainty existed. Vision isn’t seeing what’s there — it’s daring to build what isn’t yet.



The bet from the garage

He had everything the world tells you to want: a corner of Wall Street, a soaring salary, a secure and respectable future. By every conventional measure, he had already won.

But he kept noticing something nobody else seemed to take seriously — the internet was growing at a pace that defied belief. And he asked himself a question that would quietly redirect his entire life: *when I'm old, which will I regret more — trying this and failing, or never trying at all?*

THE FRAMEWORK THAT CHANGED EVERYTHING

He imagined himself at eighty, looking back. Almost none of his fears survived that view. The regret of never having tried was the only one that did.

So he walked away from the sure thing. He drove west with a wild plan to sell books on the internet — at a time when most people had never bought *anything* online. He set up in a garage, building desks out of cheap wooden doors because every dollar mattered.

For years it was uncertain, unglamorous, and unprofitable. Skeptics were certain it would collapse. He was betting on a future the rest of the world simply couldn't see yet — and he was willing to be uncomfortable long enough for that future to arrive.

Comfort and possibility rarely live in the same place.

What if he had chosen the safety of the sure thing over the discomfort of the open road?

✦ **The takeaway:** Security is comfortable, but it's also a ceiling. The biggest risk isn't betting on your idea and losing — it's spending your whole life wondering what would have happened if you'd only begun.



The idea that sounded ridiculous

Two young designers in San Francisco were drowning. Rent was due, money was gone, and the city was unforgivably expensive. They were the opposite of unstoppable founders — they were broke, behind, and out of options.

Then a design conference rolled into town and every hotel sold out. So they had a slightly desperate thought: *what if we blew up a few air mattresses, offered travelers a place to crash, and made them breakfast in the morning?* They built a scrappy little website and called it “Air Bed & Breakfast.”

WHAT INVESTORS HEARD

“You want strangers to sleep in each other’s homes? That will never work.”

WHAT THEY DID ANYWAY

Sold homemade cereal boxes to keep the lights on while the world caught up.

Investor after investor passed. The idea sounded unsafe, unserious, faintly absurd. To stay alive, they literally sold novelty cereal during an election season — anything to buy a few more months of belief.

They didn’t quit. They kept refining the same “ridiculous” idea until, one traveler at a time, the world stopped laughing and started booking. Today, the absurd idea is how millions of us travel.

What if they had believed the “no” instead of the idea — and quit after the rejection?

✦ **The takeaway:** The best ideas almost always sound ridiculous before they sound inevitable. Rejection isn’t proof you’re wrong — sometimes it’s just proof you’re early.

THE PART NOBODY TALKS ABOUT

Before they were legends, they were *just ideas.*

Before Apple was Apple

Before Amazon was Amazon

Before Airbnb was Airbnb

THEY WERE MESSY.

UNCERTAIN.

UNPROVEN.

INCOMPLETE.

They didn't arrive wrapped in confidence. They arrived as fragile, half-formed hunches that any reasonable person could have talked themselves out of in an afternoon.

In other words — they looked *exactly* like the idea you've been quietly carrying around. The one you haven't told many people about. The one that feels too small, too obvious, or too late.

The only difference between a daydream and a legacy is a decision.

The future is still being written.

Here's the thrilling part nobody can take from you: the most important chapters of the human story haven't been written yet. Right now, in garages and kitchens and notebooks, the next wave of world-changing ideas is taking its first uncertain breath.

Artificial Intelligence

Tools that think alongside us are rewriting what a single person can build — and what counts as “impossible.”

Healthcare

Cures and care that once lived only in dreams are inching closer to ordinary life every year.

Clean Energy

The race to power the world differently is wide open — and the winners haven't been named.

Education

How we learn is being reimagined, opening doors for people the old system left behind.

...AND A HUNDRED FRONTIERS WE HAVEN'T EVEN NAMED YET

Notice something about every one of these frontiers: none of them are finished. There is no rule that says the next breakthrough must come from a famous founder, a coastal city, or a person with a perfect résumé.

Someone is building tomorrow today. The only question is whether one of them is you.

The next transformative idea could come from anyone. Why not from your corner of the world?

THE MOST IMPORTANT QUESTION

Now let's talk about *you*.

It's easy to admire the famous stories from a comfortable distance. But here's the truth that should make your heart beat a little faster: those founders weren't cut from rarer cloth than you. They simply *noticed something* — and refused to look away.

Great ideas don't usually arrive as lightning bolts. They hide in plain sight, disguised as everyday friction. The trick is learning to see them.

ASK YOURSELF, HONESTLY

- 01 *What problems do you keep running into?*
- 02 *What frustrates you that others just accept?*
- 03 *What do friends always ask you for help with?*
- 04 *What have you wished existed — but doesn't?*

Every “someone should really fix that” is an idea knocking on your door.

The frustrations you've learned to live with. The shortcuts you've invented. The thing you complain about every single week. Buried inside those ordinary moments is something most people walk right past — **opportunity wearing the disguise of an inconvenience.**

Stop waiting for *permission*.

No one is coming to anoint you. There is no committee that reviews your dream and stamps it “approved.” The people who built the world you live in didn’t wait to feel ready — they started messy, scared, and unsure, and they figured it out on the way.

Waiting feels responsible. It feels safe. But waiting is the quiet thief that steals more dreams than failure ever has. The “perfect time” is a beautiful lie. It never arrives — because it was never real.

*You don’t have to be ready.
You just have to begin.*

Dreamers wonder.

They keep the idea safe and unspoken, where it can never fail — and never live.

Builders begin.

They take one imperfect step, then another, and let momentum do what hesitation never could.

*The world has always been shaped by builders.
It’s waiting to find out if you’re one of them.*

One year from now

Twelve months will pass no matter what you choose. The only question is which version of this story you'll be living.

FUTURE ONE

If nothing changes

Still wondering if the idea was any good.

Still waiting for the right time, the right amount of money, the right amount of certainty.

Still watching someone else launch the thing you thought of first.

The idea is exactly where it is today – safe, silent, and unlived.

FUTURE TWO

If you begin

Exploring possibilities you used to only daydream about.

Taking real steps – small, imperfect, and entirely your own.

Feeling momentum build as the idea moves from your head into the world.

Different. Alive. Proud of the version of you who finally said yes.

Both futures cost you a year. Only one of them costs you the idea.

This isn't pressure. It's an invitation – a door held open, just for you. You don't have to walk through it today. But wouldn't it be wonderful to find out where it leads?

THE BUILDERS BEHIND THRIVE

Two ordinary starts, *two extraordinary turns.*

You've read about the legends from a distance. Now meet two people who started right where you might be standing — and chose to act anyway.



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FOUNDER · THRIVE

You just read his story: a repossessed car, a borrowed mower, and a decision made at rock bottom that grew into a thriving twenty-year business — then an MBA at forty, and finally THRIVE. Living proof that where you *begin* has nothing to do with where you can *go*.



Crystal Lugo

CO-FOUNDER · INVENTOR

Crystal went from **bank teller** to **inventor** — creator of the patented GloveScaler™, which reimaged something as ordinary as scaling fish. Her idea earned a coveted pitch in front of the Sharks on national television and **\$150,000+** in funding, including recognition from Black Ambition, the venture founded by Pharrell Williams. She didn't wait to feel qualified. She started.

Two ordinary beginnings. Two ideas taken seriously. Now they want to help you find yours.

If the next big idea can come from a borrowed mower and a bank teller's desk — why not from you?

YOUR NEXT STEP

You've felt it on these pages – that quiet spark, the “what if it's me?” So let's do something with it.

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The second-best time is now.”*

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