

A Different Life Path

Lindsay: All right. So, Vin, if you had not chosen to become an eye doctor, what would you have become? For your profession, what would you have done?

Vin: I would have been a professional baseball player. I would have been a pitcher for the World Series.

Lindsay: Really? And if you had chosen to become a professional pitcher, I mean, wouldn't it have been... wouldn't it have been hard to actually, like, get a... get that position as the...

Vin: Absolutely.

Lindsay: ...pitcher?

Vin: Practically impossible given my skill level. Uh...

Lindsay: Okay. Yeah. Sure.

Vin: But that was... But you asked what my dream was. My dream was to have done... that would have been the most enjoying (joyful) and satisfying thing I think I could have done.

Lindsay: Okay. And if you had become a baseball player... I mean how would your life be different today?

Vin: I would be famous.

Lindsay: Yeah.

Vin: I would be a lot, probably, wealthier than I am now.

Lindsay: Right.

Vin: And I, uh, think my career would have been over by the time I was 30, so I would have to re... rethink the whole thing...

Lindsay: So by this time you would be on your second career?

Vin: By this time, I would be probably coaching in the minor leagues, is where I would be.

Lindsay: Oh, coaching in the minor leagues...

Vin: Yeah.

Lindsay: Hmm... What would that be like?

Vin: Trying to show people how to throw screwballs...

Lindsay: Yeah.

Vin: Uh... that would have been probably not optimal traveling from Mobile, Alabama to...

Lindsay: Yeah.

Vin: **Tuskogee** (Muskogee), Oklahoma.

Lindsay: No name... no name towns.

Vin: No name... ball parks of 200 people...

Lindsay: Oh gosh.

Vin: ...that they never kept up and the players had no teeth. It would be hard.

Lindsay: In other words, if you are going to go into baseball, you should be in pro ball or not at all, let's say.

Vin: That is the moral of the story.

Lindsay: Yeah. Yeah. Okay. All right. Thank you.

Vin: My pleasure.