

**The Pursuit**  
**of**  
**Happiness**

# About Movie

(2006 - Columbia Pictures)

Chris Gardner is a bright, but marginally employed salesman who finds himself and his five-year-old son evicted from their apartment with nowhere to go.





When Gardner lands an internship at a prestigious stock brokerage firm, he and his son endure many hardships living in shelters, in pursuit of his **dream of a better life** for the two of them.



# The Pursuit of Happyness

This movie is a 2006 American biographical drama film based on entrepreneur **Chris Gardner's** nearly one-year struggle being homeless.



**Chris Gardner**





## Directed by **Gabriele Muccino**

- **Gabriele Muccino** is an Italian film director
- He is best known for his first American film **The Pursuit of Happyness**.
- Will Smith wanted **Gabriele Muccino** to direct the movie, although, a film director could barely speak English.

# Cast: **Will Smith**

At first real Chris Gardner thought Smith, an actor best known for starring in action movies, was miscast to play him before his daughter Jacintha told him,

**"If Smith can play Muhammad Ali, he can play you!"**







Speed-cubing champions **Tyson Mao**, **Toby Mao** and **Lars Petrus** were hired to coach **Will Smith** to solve a Rubik's Cube in under two minutes.

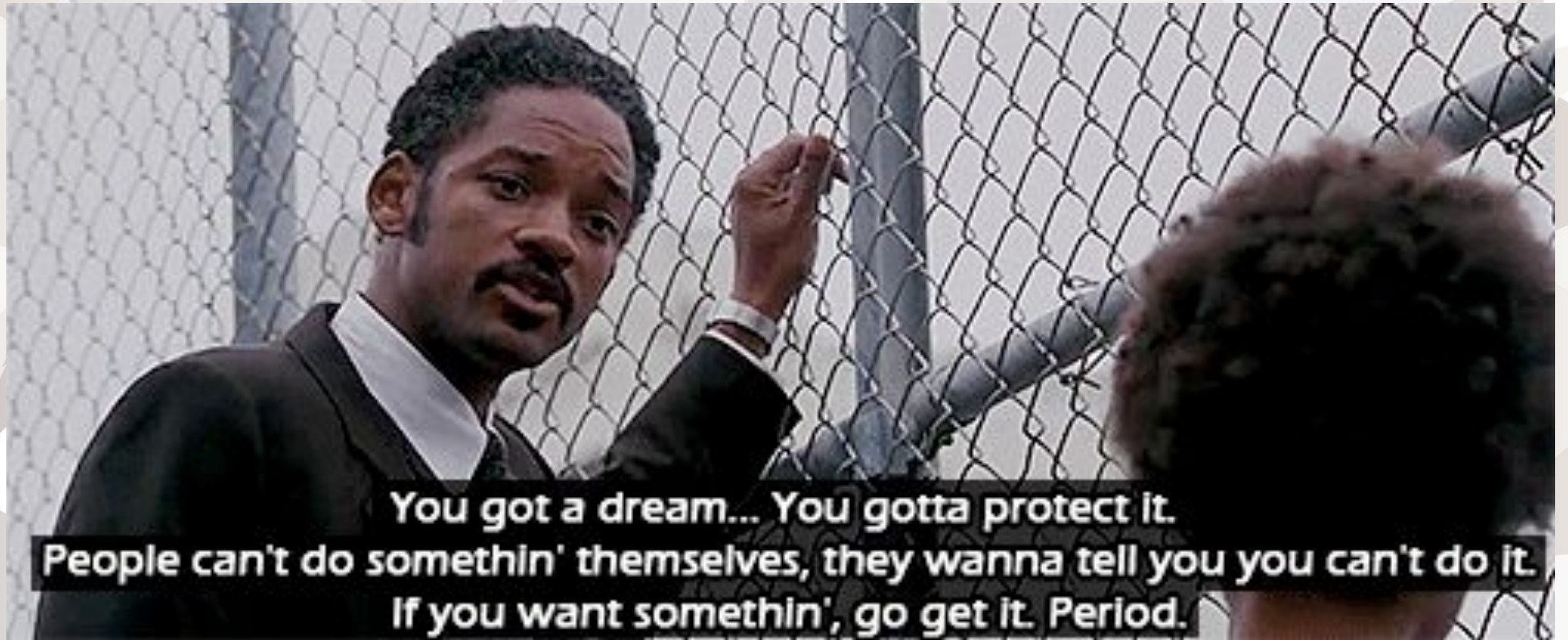
# The **unusual spelling** of the film's **title**

It was spelled that way on purpose because it is what Gardner sees on the wall outside the daycare facility his son attends.





# Quote:



**You got a dream... You gotta protect it.**

**People can't do somethin' themselves, they wanna tell you you can't do it.**

**If you want somethin', go get it. Period.**



# Cast: **Jaden Smith**

**Jaden Smith**, Will Smith's son, plays Chris Gardner's son, Christopher Jr.



**Christopher** is Jaden's middle name.

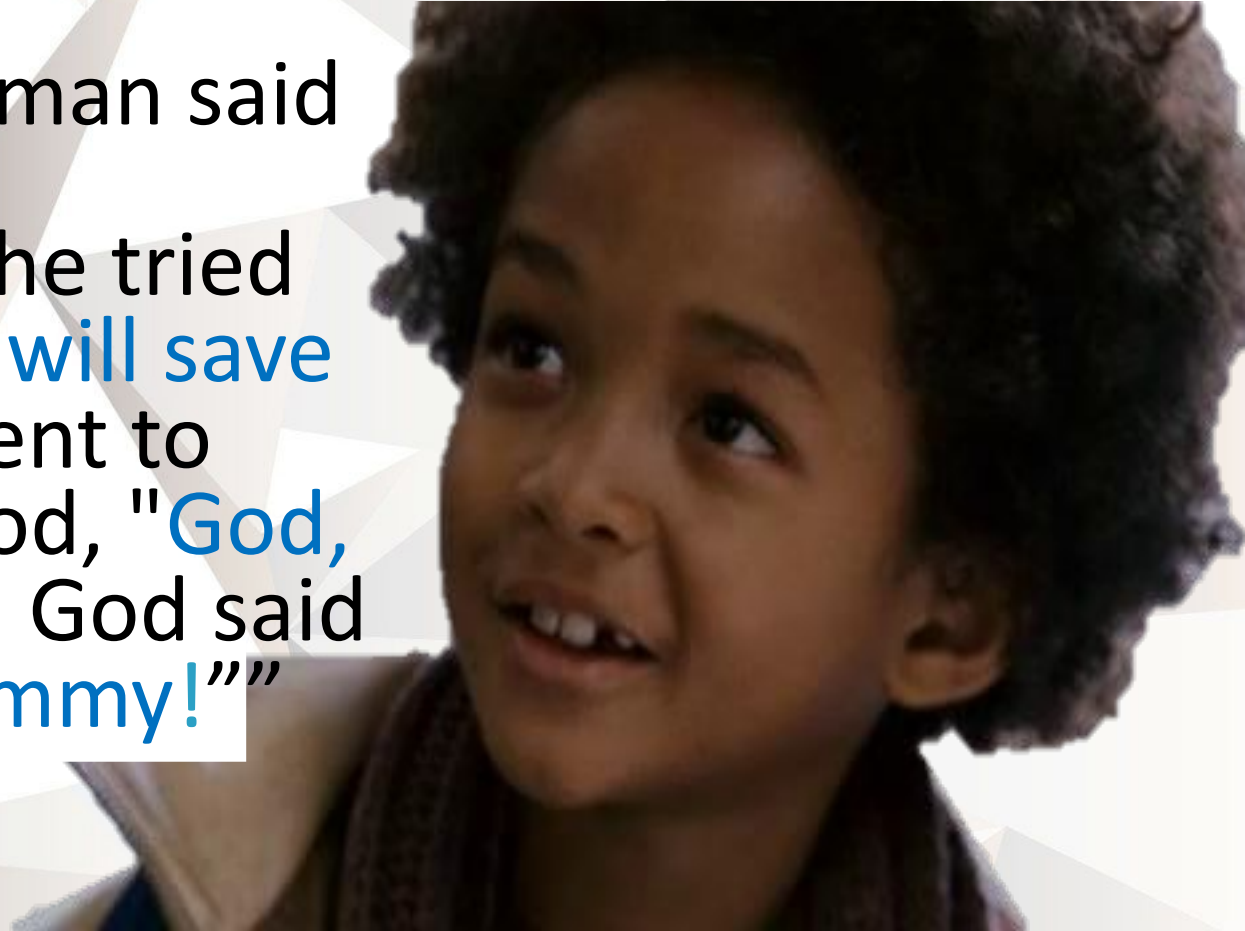


# From the movie:

“Hey dad, you wanna hear something funny? There was a man who was drowning, and a boat came, and the man on the boat said

“**Do you need help?**” and the man said “**God will save me**”.

Then another boat came and he tried to help him, but he said “**God will save me**”, then he drowned and went to Heaven. Then the man told God, “**God, why didn't you save me?**” and God said “**I sent you two boats, you dummy!**””



# Ending scene: Cameo



At the end,  
the real **Chris  
Gardner**  
walks past  
Chris (Will  
Smith) and  
**Christopher.**