



Christina Perry

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# *turning it* around

by Natalie K Stanley

Jamestown's Christina Perry

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turns trials into triumph

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to build a happy life

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and a successful business.

**M**ost of us have had incidents in our lives that have impacted our decision making ability in some way or another. It may have been a family struggling to make ends meet, an abusive situation, etc. For Christina Perry, it was the loss of her mother. At five years old, it is difficult to know what is understood about death but what Christina took away from the experience was a feeling of loss so great that she perceived it as abandonment. With a series of re-marriages for her father, Christina was cautious to bond with people for fear that they, too, would leave her. Christina was desperate to find someone to love her but opening

up to them was a risk that she was not always willing to take. When she did, it often led to devastating consequences.

After a string of bad decisions, a broken marriage, and the birth of a daughter, Christina sought counseling to help her understand the issues that were clouding her life choices. What she learned and what we can all take away from her experiences is that each event in our lives is an opportunity to learn and grow. Christina felt as though she would be different if only her mother had not left her. She came to realize that this was not true; her mother had always been with her. Christina had stopped believing in her

own self and had placed the blame squarely on the shoulders of her mother. Christina had stopped growing her self; she had to learn to love herself, to believe in herself, and to set goals for her future. Christina was on the path to empowerment.

As a single mother, Christina made a living as a sales and marketing executive. She continued to grow in her personal life and in her faith. She also continued to seek out a person with similar qualities and beliefs to become her life partner. In 2003, Christina married the man of her dreams. With her husband Todd, Christina is now the mother of three. Together, they have faced the chal-

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lenges of blending two families, serious illness for Todd, and a high-risk pregnancy. With each challenge, they have grown stronger and learned to be thankful for the meaning that comes from each of the experiences.

Christina became involved with a direct sales company focused on physical health as a means of supplementing her family's income. She soon realized that she could leave the corporate world and devote more time to her family and to her home-based business and still achieve the financial goals she set out for herself. Her experience with this company has allowed her to meet many people and help them to achieve success personally and professionally. Today, this woman who was previously limited by her sense of unworthiness is the fourth-highest recruiter in the direct sales company, serves as a motivational speaker, trainer and network marketer, successful manager of a busy household, devoted wife and mother, and caring friend. In each role, she is

grateful for the experiences in her life that have led her to this point.

To talk with Christina today, you would doubt that she ever lacked the ability to lead such a successful life. She has learned to love herself, to embrace life and all its experiences, and to learn from the good and bad. Christina's message is one of empowerment. She seeks to understand the 'whys' in life and feels that she can make connections with others through her ability to understand and to listen. Whether it is in a business relationship or on a personal level, Christina seeks to make connections with others and help them to learn their purpose. She has a belief in herself, a faith in God, and a trust in her ability to achieve anything her heart desires.

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