

# COLIN'S WHY!

I grew up in South Africa in a very average home. During my early school years I had many challenges from walking with special boots because of severe problems with my feet through to being bullied and ridiculed in high school. I was always the smallest kid in the class and when I was in grade 12 I was just under 5 feet and the shortest and skinniest kid, plus I matured late. This did not help, as the bullies loved to take advantage of this and mentally beat me up every day – there were many days that I would return from school and sit for hours at the foot of my bed with tears running down my face thinking of ways to stop the pain by killing myself.

High school to me was a blur, I hated waking up in the morning and going to school as I knew what was waiting for me, in fact, I lived in fear of going to school. When I left high school and went to university to study metallurgical engineering I started to thrive in my own world where bullies were not – they were too caught up in their own egos to worry about education and still to this day I wonder what happened to them and where they are in life. At the age of 14 I started to search for happiness and met John Kehoe and started to study Mind Power. I did not realize that this was my start of my life path to where I am today – something inside of me said that I had to change my thoughts and find happiness!

It was tough living in a house where my Dad travelled a lot and my mom fought with him because he travelled – he was only doing what he could with a grade 10 education. My parents fought often and screamed at each other (mainly over money issues) and to this day when I hear people screaming at each other it brings up huge emotions inside of me, as I used to lie crying on my bed as a child and young adult completely distraught and helpless, and trying to figure out how I could stop them and make things right... I just wanted to have harmony and peace in our home, and I could not believe that people who love each other, could treat each other this way!

When we chose our school for our daughters my #1 thought was where can I put them so they would not get bullied – Jade (my 6 year old) came home from school recently and told me that some kid was being ugly to her, and... all the emotions of my past treatment came flooding in, and I felt as if it was reliving my childhood all over again – I will do ANYTHING to ensure that my daughters lives are free of bullying. I even thank God every day for giving me daughters, as a son would have been too close to home for me in reliving my life hurt.

I decided from a young age to start work and not have financial limitations in my life. I worked from the age of 9 at a hardware store and this became my second family. I loved going to work every Saturday morning to help others have fun, earn my freedom and, not have to ask for money as I was fearful of my parent's response. I stayed until I was 22 and this gave me a ton of business and retail experience, and a place of refuge from the weekly school bullying and home screaming matches.

I and my little neighborhood buddies were also sexually abused by a sick teenage neighbor and I held this shameful secret inside of me until I was 36 years old, and sick of the ill rotten feeling in my stomach, so I took Gabi out and told her what had happened – I was petrified of telling her because I did not know what she would think of me. This was so shameful to me that I did not tell my parents what happened until very recently.

These events have defined me as who I am as a human being today. The negative life experiences have been extremely tough to overcome, I work on the way I think every day and know that I will be working on it for the rest of my life.

It warms my heart immensely and brings such a huge feeling of satisfaction to see people achieve and own their happiness. It pains me to the core when people take advantage of each other, are ugly to each other, or they live in misery – it's all about the way we see things and the choices we make. Plus, I cannot stand bullies in life or in business, and love watching the underdogs succeed.

This is WHY I do what I do. I want to assist others to achieve and be successful no matter what their situation. I have been able to take my life experiences, many years of negative programming, immense hurt and fear, and turn it in to something extremely amazing and successful. And, that assists me and keeps me motivated every day to take other lives & businesses to outrageous levels of success, and overall to see them happy with tons of love in their life!

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