

What motivates me? What is my why?

The answer is multifaceted!

I am driven to take action that helps others, help my family and my future, and give a different kind of opportunity to my children

I have always wanted to help others; that is what drives me and motivates me. How can I provide something real to people; something that makes a significant difference in some way for those I know well. How can I fight for just a little more justice and education in this world for those I do not know very well?

I truly desire a lifestyle that allows me to focus on what I believe is important; a lifestyle that frees me to spend time with my kids and wife, where I can experience nature by enjoying time out in the garden and go hiking in the summers, and have the opportunity to be a lifelong learner by experiencing new places and cultures as well as ideas.

I also want all this for my kids. I want them to understand that 'i can't' is a limiting phrase because THEY CAN if they learn the skills to work at it with persistence and explore until they find a way. I want them to grow up reaching their full potential or at least close to it. I want them to look back and say "my mom and dad were different and we are so grateful to have grown up with them as parents". I want them to speak of me as having wisdom and being someone they can continually come to for advice and help. I want to give my children many things I was not given: a fantastic education, an awareness of their own value and freedom from shame, the inherent value of all people, understanding and living congruently with their purpose and values, and a great financial education.

I desire my legacy to read something along the lines of having many people come to the microphone and state: Knowing and having relationship with Mark completely changed my life for the better. I am a better man, woman, parent, partner, person because I knew him and he invested in me. He was a man of incredible wisdom and integrity who gave freely of his time for the benefit of helping me where I was currently at.

I am driven to help people experience the good life