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Felicia Mthembu, 40

Single mother of two: 21 & 5

Lives in Soweto, Johannesburg

Grab every positive opportunity that comes your way, if you see that opportunity and grab it - you will go far.

Growing up my siblings all got matric, just I didn't. It was like I was nothing to my family. They didn't encourage me. I didn't feel I'm worth something in this world.

I got this job because I believed you must work for an income. I've worked and worked for eight years at that company but I was not happy. I was frustrated, I was a bitter person. That bitterness made me not see opportunities that came my way. I felt so miserable.

I was depending on my fiancé but then God decided to take him. That's when everything started to change. At TCB I had learnt how to sell but my motivation was not strong. When he passed I didn't have somebody to depend on. I have to provide for these kids now, there is no one that is providing for them. It started there. I told myself I'm going to be very strong now and wake up. I know it's hard, but I can do it.

Now I am a strong woman, a hardworking person, for me everything is possible. I like being my own boss so I can manage my finances. I wish my kids will be their own bosses, hire people and open companies.



Nwabisa Ndzuzo, 31

Married mother of two: 6 & 2

Lives in Khayelitsh

I love challenges. If someone tells me 'I can't', I will try to push it to 'I can'. I'm not easily influenced by other people - I believe in myself. I love life and helping others. Women should push for what you want, even in your current situation.

It's not easy. There are times when I am so tired, but I don't like depending on my husband for money - it pushes me to go harder.

I had to make my own money since I was young. I had to work for my schoolbooks. I know how it is when you're the outcast of the family, when your stepfather spends money on his kids but not on you. But I am grateful for him because the way he was made me strong.

I enjoy selling - I'm a businesswoman. I'm proud to own my own house. I've got two healthy kids. I want my kids to finish school, education is important.

In my area people drink a lot. I am responsible. I come home early to tuck my kids into bed. I don't expect my kids to take care of themselves. People have so many children. I have two, that's what I can afford.



Zukiswa (Zuki) Majerman, 48

Separated mother of two: 30 & 15 with one grandchild Lives in Crossroads, Cape Town

I'm on my own, I'm making my own decisions. Now I can see where I'm going. The years I stayed in my abusive marriage don't matter. I'm not looking back at them - now I'm looking forward.

My hard work and perseverance make me most proud. It was hard but I tell myself I will never give up on me. I tell myself that I might not be talented, but I'm a hard worker. Sometimes hard work beats talent when talent doesn't work hard.

Life is full of challenges. Today you are happy, tomorrow you're crying. Life goes like the weather. You must always have room to take it on, the storms, the rain, the shiny days - this is life. When challenges and disappointment come, fight and strike back.

Being in a marriage, a divorce, a separation, an abusive relationship, is not the end of the world. You fall in love and you throw your heart and soul into it. Our problem as women who are in love is that we forget about anything else. But when that love is no more, that doesn't mean everything is no more. You can stand up and say, 'Hello, here I am again. I'm still that Zuki I was before.

Challenges come and go, but here I am now.'