Sanity Saving Tips When You Are Kicking Karma's Ass

When Starting Over

After losing my parents, my brother and the love of my life, my husband Ray in a few short years and then nearly losing my business, I know a lot about starting over. It isn't easy. It may not work out how you hope. Sometimes it works out even better. Here's what I learned to make it through.

- Be Strong.
- Dig Deep.
- Work Your Network.
- Stay Determined.
- Ask for Help.
- Remain Confident.



When Dealing with Labels

Having spent the last 30-plus years working as a woman in a man's world — construction, I've dealt with more than my fair share of being put in a "box." I can't tell you how many times I've been the only woman on a job, the challenges I've faced and what happens when everyone realizes not only am I the boss, but I own the construction company. Here's how I have dealt with being labeled.

- Tell people who you are. Always.
- Let people know it isn't acceptable for them to define you based on their own limited experiences.
- Set boundaries with people who don't or won't respect you.

When Looking for Signs from Above

As I was starting over, I kept asking my loved ones to send me a sign that I was heading in the right direction. I was frustrated that I didn't seem to be getting any. But then I changed my perspective. I realized that I was so caught up in my struggles that I may have been missing the signs all along. Here's my approach now.

- Keep asking for signs.
- Be open to receiving them.
- Pay attention or you might miss what's right in front of you.

Three Pieces of Advice for Kicking Karma's Ass

- 1. Choose to move toward the positive and leave the negative behind.
- 2. Know money is best spent on making memories, not acquiring stuff.
- 3. Keep pushing forward and let the universe take care of the rest for you.

Learn more about how I used these tips in my new best-selling book *Kicking Karma's Ass: Unbelievable Stories of Strength, Resilience and Perseverance, All Told with a Twist of Humor*. Get your copy today: www.patmiller.net. Follow me on social @thepatmiller11.

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