

Author Profile

FINISH!

Leveraging career, sport, faith and failure



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FINISH! Leveraging career, sport, faith, and failure is short, sweet, and straight to the point. It serves as a motivational book to encourage you to accomplish your goals. After starting and stopping, failing and procrastinating, ZeNai finally buckled down to FINISH her 12-year CPA journey. She leaned into the tools and strategies she already possessed through her experience as an athlete, a businesswoman, community leader, and a woman of faith to accomplish this prestigious and daunting goal. Failure and loss also taught her lessons in discipline and perseverance that ultimately helped her to pass the exam in seven months!

The experiences found in this book can be applied across all disciplines and career goals. No matter how big or small your goal, this book will equip you with transferable strategies to apply towards your completion. ZeNai believes the best way to help others is to be transparent because *"There is always someone who can learn from what you have already endured and overcome!"* We invite you to use this book to leverage and launch you into action and keep you in the game to FINISH!

Top 4 Take-aways

- 1) Temporary sacrifices must be made to FINISH!
- 2) Remembering why you started is imperative
- 3) Boundaries are necessary to achieve your goals
- 4) There will be bumps and bruises along the journey, but the only failure is if you do not take them in stride and push toward the finish line

E. ZeNai Brooks is a member of the under-represented 2% of African-Americans who have accomplished the goal of obtaining the CPA license. She is a dynamic millennial business and community leader with over 13 years of professional experience. ZeNai has combined her passion for community, advocacy and her professional career by spending the latter part of her public accounting career focusing on auditing and doing consulting work within the not-for-profit industry. Currently, ZeNai serves as the Financial Analysis Manager and Foundation Treasurer at Cummins Corporation; where she provides funding to grassroots initiatives and strategic programs around the world.

ZeNai is the wife of Darrell Brooks, Senior Pastor of the New Liberty Missionary Baptist Church in Indianapolis, Indiana. Her spiritual background is the foundation of her commitment to service, believing that we have the responsibility to help others. ZeNai lives her life with purpose by using her knowledge and experiences to develop others and move the community forward. She believes that as we engage in community by giving back, empowering others and *"Lifting As We Climb"* everyone can make a difference! ZeNai is an example of a selfless person who leverages all her skills to change not only her life but the life of everyone she touches.

More about ZeNai

Favorite book is "Unapologetically Ambitious" by Shellye Archambeau

Favorite speaker and author is Priscilla Shirer and Amanda Seales

Favorite scripture is "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." (Phil 4:13)

Top 5 Bucket list desires are...

- Travel across the Atlantic Ocean (Africa, Europe, India)
- Visit Napa Valley
- Complete the Bourbon Trail
- Complete a Ted Talk
- Visit the Holy Land

Career utopia is a career that has purpose and directly impacts the well-being and development of others or to be a professional athlete/coach.

Travel utopia is an all-inclusive resort surrounded by water, good food and good music.

Life quote is "If you do not like something change it. If you cannot change it, change your attitude." - Maya Angelou.

Reflection: "I am relieved that I was able to achieve the largest goal I ever set for myself. I look forward to sharing this journey and encouraging others."

