

Finances & freedom

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For most families, finances are the biggest obstacle standing between the life they have and the life they dream about. We understand that deeply because we've lived it ourselves. We didn't come from wealthy families. We weren't handed opportunities, trust funds, or silver spoons. Everything we have built and everything we continue to build has come from deliberate decisions, personal growth, and a willingness to challenge the beliefs we were raised with. That's why we're sharing the financial decisions we've made, the ways we've learned to earn money while traveling, and the strategies that have helped make a life of freedom, adventure, and possibility feel attainable. Our goal is not to convince you that our way is the only way. It's simply to show you what has worked for us and encourage you to discover what could work for your family too.

There is a truth that can be difficult to hear, but it changed everything for us. If you believe you can never have a different life, then you're right. Whatever story you tell yourself becomes the lens through which you see the world. Most of us inherit our beliefs about money long before we ever earn our first paycheck. We absorb them from our parents, our relatives, our friends, our communities, and the financial environment we grew up in. If everyone around you struggles, talks about money with fear, talks shit about rich people, or believes wealth is reserved for "other people," it becomes easy to adopt those same beliefs without ever questioning them.

Many people spend their entire lives following a path they never intentionally chose. They go to school, then more school, collect debt, buy things they can't afford, work jobs they don't enjoy, and spend decades running on a treadmill they never stopped to examine. They tell themselves that someday they'll travel, someday they'll start a business, someday they'll spend more time with their family, someday they'll chase the dream that's been living quietly inside them for years. The tragedy is that for many people, someday never arrives. One year becomes ten. Ten years becomes thirty. Before they know it, they've spent their lives waiting for permission that was never coming. They live the same year over and over until they die.

The biggest obstacle is rarely a lack of opportunity. More often, it's a collection of excuses that quietly take control. People convince themselves they're too old, too young, too busy, too broke, too inexperienced, or too far behind. They look at someone living a life they admire and say, "It must be nice," instead of asking, "How did they make that happen?" That simple shift in perspective can change your life. The moment you become curious instead of jealous, you open the door to learning. The moment you decide someone else's success is proof of what's possible rather than evidence of what's unfair, your entire world begins to expand.

That shift happened for us when Mark and I got back together. We didn't have some grand master plan. We didn't know exactly what we wanted to do. What we did know was that we wanted more options, more freedom, and a better future than the one we were headed toward. So we became real life students. We took courses. We read books. We attended business events, financial seminars, and personal development conferences. We consumed information from people who were living lives we admired. Some people love that kind of thing, and some people don't, but I can honestly say that committing ourselves to learning changed the entire trajectory of our lives.

What's interesting is that the vision changed constantly. Every time we thought we had it figured out, we learned something new that expanded our thinking. We didn't walk away from those experiences with a perfect blueprint. We walked away with something even more valuable: a bigger understanding of what was possible. Every book, every course, every conversation added another piece to the puzzle. Slowly, we stopped seeing limitations and started seeing opportunities. HUGE opportunities just because we were showing up when no one else was.

One of the greatest lessons we learned along the way is that money is everywhere. When you're struggling financially, abundance can feel invisible. It's like trying to see stars through heavy clouds. You become so focused on what you don't have that you miss the opportunities all around you. But once you begin to understand how value is created, how businesses operate, how people solve problems, and how money moves through the world, you start seeing opportunities everywhere. And once you see it, you can never unsee it. The same money makes us all wealthy.

For us, one of those opportunities came through real estate. We stumbled into a real estate seminar, and it became one of the most significant turning points in our lives. It wasn't easy. In fact, some seasons were incredibly difficult. There were moments when we were flat broke and moments of abundance. There were wins, losses, mistakes, and lessons we could never have learned from a book. But real estate taught us something far more valuable than how to buy and sell houses. It taught us resourcefulness. It taught us how to solve problems. It taught us how to think bigger. It taught us how to build relationships and leverage networks. Most importantly, it taught us that wealth is rarely built alone.

One of the biggest myths people believe is that successful people have all the answers. What we discovered is that successful people simply become better at finding answers. They ask questions. They build relationships. They make phone calls. They seek out mentors. They collaborate with others. Time and time again, we learned that problems that felt impossible could often be solved through a single conversation with the right person. Wealth isn't just about money. It's about access, relationships, knowledge, and the willingness to keep moving forward when things don't go as planned.

As we continued building our real estate business, we made intentional decisions that positioned us for future opportunities. One of those decisions was purchasing a home that made sense financially instead of buying the biggest or most expensive house we could afford. We viewed our home as an asset rather than simply a place to live. Years later, that decision became one of the pieces that helped fund the beginning of our full-time travel journey.

Does it fund everything forever? Of course not. No single decision creates lifelong freedom. Freedom is built through hundreds of small decisions stacked on top of one another over time. What that decision did provide was leverage. It gave us options. It created momentum. And momentum is one of the most powerful forces in life.

Today, we continue learning, adapting, and growing. We are constantly developing new skills, creating new income streams, making investments, and looking for ways to increase our value in the world. From the outside, people sometimes assume we've reached some magical destination. They see the travel, the adventures, and the lifestyle and think we've somehow "made it." The truth is we're just getting started. We still have goals we're chasing, lessons we're learning, and dreams we're building toward. The difference now is that we've learned how to believe bigger, think differently, and trust ourselves to figure things out along the way.

Perhaps the most important thing we want you to understand is that there is no single path to freedom. This lifestyle looks different for every family. What works for us may not work for you, and that's okay. One of our favorite parts about traveling full-time is meeting people who have designed their lives in countless different ways. Some work remotely. Some own businesses. Some invest. Some work seasonal jobs. Some live extremely simply. Some earn a lot and spend a lot. Others earn less and intentionally keep their expenses low. There are thousands of ways to build a life you love.

The goal isn't to copy someone else's story. The goal is to create your own.

If there's one thing we hope you take away from our journey, it's this: your current circumstances do not have to determine your future. You are not trapped by the financial bracket you were born into. You are not limited by the beliefs you inherited. You are not required to repeat the same year over and over again simply because that's what everyone around you is doing. The life you want may require new skills, new habits, new risks, and a new way of thinking, but it is far more possible than most people realize.

The first step is deciding that "someday" is no longer good enough.

Because the truth is, the people living the life you want are not more special, more deserving, or more capable than you. They simply made the decision to start moving toward it. And you can too.

With so much love we are here for you to help you achieve everything you came here for, I hope you don't sit around and wait for someday.

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