



RUSTIC REIGN
A FOUNDER'S STORY

Let's See What We Can Do For You

the story of Rustic Reign, in her own words

For twenty-six years, I said the same sentence to strangers.

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I said it all day at my job — customer service, logistics, the one who scheduled the work, smoothed the hard calls, and fixed whatever needed fixing. I was good at it. I'd ask about your daughter's wedding. I'd remember your kids' names. I have a way of making a person feel genuinely seen, and it works because it's real — I never did learn how to fake a kind word. I was also the one who stood there and took the storm when somebody decided to be cruel, and swallowed it, and said thank you, have a good day. That's the job. You hold the line so nobody else has to.

What took me a lot longer to learn was how to say that sentence to myself.

Because I've always been the one who carries it. I was a mother young, supporting a family when other girls my age were still deciding who they'd be. I don't dress those years up. But ask me what I'm proudest of and I won't tell you about the job I fought a long, hard hiring process to win — I'll tell you my kids never went without, no matter what it cost me.

I'll tell you about the years I lost, too. I bought the books and the tapes. I got most of the way up the hill and quit before I could see the top — walked away at eighty percent because the finish line wasn't showing yet. I've watched enough time disappear that way to know exactly what it costs. So somewhere along the line I made myself a promise: not again. Whatever I start next, I finish — even the part where you can't yet see where it lands.

So I sat down with the hardest question there is — *why* — and I kept asking, working down through seven levels until I uncovered the truth deep inside my soul. The answer had nothing to do with money.

I don't know how to let anyone else take care of me. I can't feel peace or success if someone else does the work. I won't be a burden. I want a legacy my family is proud of — and I'm the only one who can build it for myself.

That's not a business plan. That's a line I've drawn in the sand.

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And on the far side of the fear was the whole reason for the fight — not riches. Just choice. The say-so over my own days.

People ask about the name — so let me tell you why.

Rustic first, because that's the truth about who I am, and who I'm for. Not slick. Not shiny. Not some young thing in a glass office promising you the moon. I'm in the autumn of my life, and autumn isn't yet winter — it's *harvest*. Iron, bronze, weathered wood, hard-earned ground. The whole look of this thing says out loud what I believe: the miles on you are the qualification, not the thing that counts you out.

And *Reign* — because after a lifetime of working inside somebody else's castle, letting other people set your worth, you finally take the last word back. To reign doesn't mean to rule over anybody; I've had my fill of people lording over people. It means becoming the final say over your own time, life, and choices. Your own kingdom. Your own two hands holding onto your own reins.

Rustic Reign. The ground you earned — and the last word over it, which was always yours to speak.

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That's where it really began. Not with a product. With a refusal — and a stubborn, tender hope to hold the door open behind me.

I'll be the first to tell you I started green. Still learning, still a student, almost sixty-one, wishing I'd reached for this sooner. But I've seen something the world is nervous about: these new tools everybody's uneasy over are, for the first time, the kind a regular person can actually pick up and use. The gate that always kept certain people out is standing open. And I keep thinking about the ones standing right where I stood.

Not just the person doing the retirement math that won't add up. Not just the parent who won't hand their child to a stranger, or the one who's done spending their best hours in somebody else's office. I'm thinking about the ones who quietly wonder if they've still got

a business in them. The one who set a dream down years ago and figured that door had already closed. Not because they gave up — just convinced, deep down, that the moment had passed them by.

Those are my people. Handing them back their own worth — that's the whole mission. The AI is just the wagon it rides in on.

Because here's what I believe all the way to my core: hardly anybody is missing some rare gift. They're just standing too close to see what they're already holding. All those years you think you wasted? Stored, not spent. Every mile on you is the qualification.

And when someone finishes what I've built, they'll see the exact roads they can travel with confidence. Not hyped, not sold to — but seen, through the mirror of their own eyes. They'll see their own worth handed back. Standing a little taller without quite knowing why, trusting their own read on things again — the way you only can once you've proven something to yourself, just once, so you never fully forget it.

That's the real inheritance, and it's bigger than money. Money's only the tool. What I'm actually building is love made permanent — something my eight grandbabies can point to one day and know their grandma loved them so much she taught herself a whole new world just to hand them freedoms she never had. I want to fold it into little children's books for them someday, so the youngest ones grow up already believing what took me sixty years to say out loud. I want to finish it, make it run on its own, and carry it to Oklahoma — closer to those babies, into mornings where the coffee doesn't have to be hurried.

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You can build the life instead of waiting for it. Just the way you see fit.

You were always, always enough to make good on the bet.

And sometimes the bravest thing a woman who spent her whole life taking care of everyone else can finally do is turn to herself, roll up her sleeves, and say:

Let's see what we can do for you.

— Linda



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