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**Loan Broker Training Success Story | Wenda Wang**

On this episode: Watch & listen to Wenda Wang, a virtual training graduate of CCTG, and how they he is closing multiple deals after only a short time since loan broker training.

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Wenda Wang of Big Mountain Capital

00:08

actually i started a materials science

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before i even got a phd degree in

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material science

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yes oh wow in material science yes

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oh wow i didn't know that how long did

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it take you to get that phd

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five years oh five and five and a half

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actually

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five well five and a half just to get

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the phd right

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i mean he went to school for that so yes

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get that phd and now look at this you're

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a commercial loan broker

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there are just too many commercial home

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brokers that don't have a damn clue of

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what they're doing

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all we're trying to do here is better

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the industry for everybody

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[Music]

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at the end of the day you can make great

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money in this industry but in the end

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it's all about helping people

01:00

you know people always say chris how can

01:02

i be a successful broker

01:04

it's two words hard work and dedication

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[Music]

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if you don't like talking to people you

01:09

probably shouldn't be in this business

01:11

hey everybody welcome back to

01:13

entrepreneurs and finance where we

01:14

explore the daily lives of

01:16

graduates and lenders uh and our cctg

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family here and on this episode

01:23

i am very excited to interview

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wenda wang of big mountain capital hey

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wenda

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hey chris how are you i'm good i'm good

01:33

how are you

01:34

good good excited for today all right

01:37

all right well

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yeah like i said before don't look you

01:40

loosen up you got to loosen up you're

01:42

not going to be interrogated here so

01:45

it's only going out to the whole world

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so don't worry about it you have nothing

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to worry about

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but no linda seriously thank you for for

01:52

joining us i know you've got a lot going

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on

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we'll get to that in a little bit um but

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why don't you

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um you know i i guess the the the best

02:02

way to start this out

02:04

is you know tell us when you came

02:06

through class what

02:07

what month what year was it and um

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you know even a little bit before that

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what did you do leading up to

02:14

you know how you found cctg or before

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you attended cctg

02:18

okay sure um i attended the

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2020 december class so that was a that

02:25

was a great

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experience um

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maybe you don't believe how i founded

02:31

cctg

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so you know in the past two years i was

02:36

always

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thinking doing some business but i do

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not have any idea

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i've been planning this idea so one day

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i just

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searched like franchise ideas so i just

02:48

went through the list of

02:50

franchises one by one and saying this

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not interesting go with this now

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but once i see there's a

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commercial commercial training group

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so i started to say this is

03:05

something i want to start this is

03:08

something i want to learn

03:11

because i was

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actually in the bank bank industry so

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i have some understanding about the loan

03:20

the

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the mortgage but

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i don't know how exactly it works but i

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know

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the powerful of like financing

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like how this is being a role in the

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economy so i know this is definitely

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something

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a lot of people will need so so

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so so that's why i started to say get

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contact with

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robert at forgotten name

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so try to get a little bit more info

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information

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how ccg works and

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then after hearing the

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i think two graduates from cctg hearing

04:00

their experience

04:01

kind of do my due diligence so then

04:05

my wife also kind of support me so we

04:10

collected the tuition yeah

04:14

we just decided to jump in and you

04:16

purchased the uh

04:17

gold package is that correct oh yes gold

04:19

package

04:20

and you're from where where are you

04:22

based out of me in charlotte north

04:24

carolina

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it's a great city um so

04:29

did you actually you know what's

04:31

interesting did you actually watch this

04:32

podcast prior to attending did you watch

04:34

every interviews that i've done prior to

04:37

attending

04:38

yes i watched some interviews all right

04:42

look at that and here you are today

04:46

yeah um the dream come true uh

04:49

well that's that's great um you know one

04:52

of the reasons why i think

04:54

i was looking forward to this interview

04:56

besides getting a chance to see you and

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you attended a virtual class so

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you know yes that was funny we didn't

05:02

have any choice

05:03

now we're starting to open back up where

05:05

we give people you know both options

05:07

virtual

05:08

or uh in person um

05:11

you know tell me about um tell me about

05:14

your experience itself in class

05:17

attending class virtually how was it for

05:19

you

05:20

um i think the virtual format is kind of

05:25

better for me than in person class

05:28

because i have my own situations i have

05:30

two young kids at home

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my wife also works i i cannot just go

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away for

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four weeks right yeah yeah so so

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the the virtual format kind of provides

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me the

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possibility to attend and i also

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enjoy the class so um

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i think the the the even greater thing

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about this class is

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it is not only cover the loan product

05:58

that the business may need it also

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covers

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how to operate the commercial and broker

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business right so i think

06:06

this is even more critical for people

06:09

like me who

06:10

never operated a business before so

06:13

how to talk to clients right how to

06:17

like what kind of agreement we need to

06:20

take care of during the process this is

06:23

even more critical than

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just learning the product yeah because i

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guess you can learn the products but

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it's

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i guess what a lot of people don't

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realize and you just said it

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is the fact that you come through here

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and you're learning kind of

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industry insight of how to run a

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business particularly

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your own brokerage business you know

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which

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i i take it you found very valuable um

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you know the reason you're on here is

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because you know we believe

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you've you've demonstrated really really

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good work ethic and

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and and and that work ethic i always say

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hard work dedication eventually pays off

07:02

as long as you stay that course and you

07:04

are one of the finest examples of that

07:07

tell me um so we could our viewers can

07:10

understand

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how many deals have you closed since

07:14

graduate so you started your business

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let's just call it january of 2021

07:17

yes january so it's been six months how

07:20

many deals have you closed so far

07:22

uh until yesterday i called the four

07:24

okay four deals and

07:26

were they all real estate deals before

07:28

they

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uh yes they're all real estate okay and

07:31

that's not bad i mean that's almost a

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deal a month

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almost a deal a month um and and real

07:37

estate deals tend to be

07:38

larger tell me about how did you get

07:42

your first deal

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how did you get your first deal tell me

07:44

about it came about

07:46

the first year it's i think it's pretty

07:49

normal

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uh i i just attend the local

07:53

real estate meetup like uh

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no i'm sure like almost every local

07:59

market

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has a meet up so i just went there kind

08:03

of

08:03

introduced myself and gave the the name

08:06

card

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and a few days later i i was driving

08:10

somebody just called me are you are you

08:12

wonder we we met

08:14

in the meet up and i i didn't realize

08:17

it's somebody from them

08:18

that meet up right yeah but yeah just uh

08:22

we actually have had a small

08:24

conversation at the meet up

08:26

so so kind of i think that's the

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trust between us that's where the chat's

08:31

from

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so that's a and later we just do the

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deal and

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do all the all the paperwork all the

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things

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when you do so and and and

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the the client even went out of country

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for about two weeks

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in the middle of the loan application so

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let's create

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some say communication trouble there

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but in the end we worked out

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everything and closed on time for him

09:01

and did you utilize um you know and

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that's great that's great you close your

09:05

your first deal then

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there was subsequent deals that

09:08

obviously you've closed

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since then um what's your and i just you

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know it's

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it's a very timely podcast because i i

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saw your email come across this morning

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where you informed us and our staff here

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that you close you just closed another

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deal which is

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possibly one of your biggest ones

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correct that's right

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tell me about that one just real quick

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uh that's a

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a single family property cash out refund

09:34

so we do the portfolio loan for the

09:37

uh uh for the investor so

09:41

currently i think he owns about 100

09:43

homes it's a very experienced

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investor so so so they just

09:49

put the eight prop together to do the

09:51

cash out refund to pay off the

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private money lender who gave them very

09:56

high interest rate

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yeah yeah right well wow congratulations

10:00

you just closed that

10:01

today yes uh yesterday

10:04

just yesterday okay exactly see the

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commission from that yet are you still

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waiting on the commission

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uh it takes a couple days they're gonna

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make me check

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yeah yeah yeah okay all right well

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congratulations congratulations

10:17

um what would you say you know

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throughout

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the last you know four or five months

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what would you say

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uh are some things that attributed to

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the early on success that you're having

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here

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i think it's a beam for persistence

10:37

right i mean this is not very long time

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but to be honest there are a lot of

10:42

frustrating

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points there like uh uh

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you go to the uh go to a lot of

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networking events got a lot of meetup

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but the the

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conversion ratio is not that as high as

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you expect

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so maybe you go there there's not

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nothing happened even

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you feel kind of nervous talking to

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people right but

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but gradually you you get used to that

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and

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later on maybe we have some people just

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call you and asking some questions or

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no maybe we will do later right so so

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this

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is pretty pretty normal so i think that

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the important thing is

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is keep doing that even

11:25

you approach the client there but then

11:28

not actually your client and when during

11:31

the process there's some

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back and forth maybe frustrating points

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but just do what you need to do and

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keep working on the uh on this

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thing people just getting the problem

11:46

solved

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getting the the questions answered i

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think

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in the end you will own the trust from

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the the client and then

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then the the rest is very natural yeah i

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mean

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i guess what i'm hearing is you know

12:01

your your advice

12:04

particularly in the first six months

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what worked for you is just being

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persistent

12:07

right persistent yeah and that's that

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that's an important thing

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that i think we even try to translate i

12:13

try to translate in class because

12:14

sometimes it's easy to give up

12:16

um it's easy to get discouraged in this

12:18

business but if you're persistent

12:20

you know it it really always pays off um

12:23

that's a common trait we see with all

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the graduates that

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we've trained in the last 12 years that

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really make this a

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a very successful business what are some

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things

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i always like to ask this question i

12:37

mean you know you're in this six months

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um what are what are some things that

12:44

you um that you don't like about the

12:48

business

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so far um

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this business i mean the you you look at

12:56

it generally

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it looks pretty pretty fancy because

13:01

every deal you deal with it's trying to

13:03

look like like an investment like a look

13:06

a great deal and you feel excited

13:09

for this but when when you really

13:13

go into that you're gonna find out that

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this deal may

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just fall through this process

13:20

uh the the client may not be cooperative

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to provide the

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or the document that you asked it or

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even

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they are not they're ready to to apply

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the loan yet so

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right so you need to kind of work

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through the client

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and especially for like a new investors

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or they're they're not they're ready for

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for for the for the business yet so you

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kind of need to

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work through and even sometimes you need

13:50

to explain why we

13:52

need this document why we need new debt

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you know this is all about financial

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this is very

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very personal like private thing

14:01

people always say hesitate to to give

14:03

out

14:04

you you you are new you're you're not

14:07

really the

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his friend yet so this cousin

14:12

you need really sometimes you need to

14:14

kind of explain again again

14:16

and even for some investors says we

14:20

deal with the business we need a lot of

14:22

business document

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but for some new investors they don't

14:26

really know

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what are the business document even a

14:29

very

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very ordinary say operating

14:34

agreement this is like a basic document

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for for business but somebody just

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just don't know what what is that right

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right right right

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yeah just because so just because

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something looks like a deal on the

14:45

surface

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i mean what you're trying to say just

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because something looks like a

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transaction on the surface and a great

14:50

deal

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you know sometimes it could be hard to

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to eventually get to point a to point b

14:56

because you know you you you got to get

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the right documents from the borrower

15:01

sometimes the borrower is not responsive

15:03

uh in different times like you said you

15:05

had somebody leave the country for

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for a couple of weeks um so yeah i mean

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that's

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that's true i mean you know deals just

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don't hit your inbox

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and a week later they fund typically

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right i mean particularly in real estate

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there's a lot of moving parts

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right right right there's a lot of

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pieces in in the raised data chain

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so i need to kind of

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join all the pieces like organically

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right

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right so okay i mean here yeah so

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you're six months into this do you like

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it i mean are you happy

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i'm very happy actually yeah good

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good good good what does your family

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think i mean are they uh

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i take it you have a supportive wife yes

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yes i have two young daughters

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and i have a wife and i have a

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certified coming you have a third

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child coming oh wow congratulations

16:00

congratulations

16:01

well you uh yeah you got you get the

16:05

pressure's on you got to start closing

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deals right

16:09

yeah i do feel some pressure but this is

16:11

not

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like the the reason i'm doing this you

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know

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the pressure is all is always there

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you can do this you you can do that but

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for

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choosing this commercial room business

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is

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really my original resolution is try to

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help

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people try to help the business owners

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the investors to achieve their financial

16:37

goals

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i know financing is like the major part

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of each

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transaction you know you get a 70 80 out

16:44

the

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long long term value this that's the i

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would say the major part of the

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the transaction right so this is really

16:53

important

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and it really a lot of people should

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need this so especially for people

17:00

they have a business plan they have

17:02

ideas but they want

17:04

to when when they want to kind of

17:07

make the business happen so then

17:09

financial comes the really important

17:11

part so that's why i want to get into

17:13

this industry

17:14

try to help more people try to help them

17:17

achieve their financial goals

17:19

yeah and at the end of the day i i say

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this a million times

17:22

i sound like a broken record but um uh

17:26

i say this there's a cut in the opening

17:29

song to this podcast but essentially

17:32

you know you can make really good money

17:34

if you work hard but

17:36

yes at the end of the day you're what

17:38

are you doing you're helping people

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that's right really starting to help

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people which is a which is a good

17:44

feeling

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um that i don't think a lot of graduates

17:48

get until they close their first deal

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you know i mean i think up to it we're

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all chasing the dollars

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but when you close your first

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transaction

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and you you you you know you have that

18:00

client thank you and you

18:01

you provided them what they needed which

18:04

is a crucial part

18:04

to their business strategy um that's a

18:07

great feeling isn't it

18:09

yeah i i really want to share the

18:12

experience about the

18:13

one deal that we're close to a couple

18:15

weeks ago so it's a it's a

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it's a deal referred by one of my

18:21

friends

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so they they are

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their a education uh school

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so they want to purchase an office for

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their business

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so but there is a

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there's that they have their own reason

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they don't want to show their tax

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returns so they found me on there

18:44

kind of like a hard money lender

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[Music]

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and i found a prime to do this business

18:51

but the the client is has no

18:54

idea about the business document so when

18:58

we

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collect when we're asking for the the

19:01

document

19:01

they kind of very

19:05

not not the cooperative they even don't

19:08

know what is this

19:09

what is that right so and

19:13

at one point they feel very frustrated

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and they want to just stop the process

19:18

maybe we just we just quit here

19:22

but it in in the end we

19:25

kind of um patiently to explain

19:29

what the document is and this is just

19:32

a very very basic document we

19:36

we ask we're not trying to ask some

19:39

something that not started exist or

19:43

we should not ask so

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you you you can imagine the whole

19:48

process is

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how frustrating for for the clients and

19:52

and also for for me i need to

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just like you you you need to

19:58

like go international travel you need a

20:00

passport that's so

20:02

basic right right but

20:05

um so in the end we we close there we

20:08

help them

20:09

um make the timeline to close the deal

20:12

and india they they really send me the

20:16

thank you letter right i i i can feel

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the

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the the happy they have so

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i mean during the process

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we even uh lowered their commission fee

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because i mean the the interest rate

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they get

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is a little bit high but that's due to

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their own

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like a requirement no one to show this

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that

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uh documented but so but in the end

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it's like that so during the process my

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wife

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even say wait we are just doing this

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this deal for helping other people well

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not for

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for any money because this really just

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make it

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a small small amount a small

21:03

yeah small commission just to kind of

21:04

help the person and sometimes you know

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sometimes you have to you know with

21:08

certain products

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you you you want to get it done and it's

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maybe

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a client that could open a door to

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future

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clients right because maybe they know a

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whole bunch of people and sometimes

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you know if you have to lower your

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commission a little bit yield done that

21:24

happens sometimes

21:25

yes yes so so so right now they are

21:28

pretty happy and they did they said

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definitely i'm

21:31

gonna refer more clients to you

21:34

yeah that's good that's really good um

21:38

so yeah it sounds like you found real

21:40

estate as your niche

21:42

um you know i'll just ask you the

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question do you feel like

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taking the virtual class do you think

21:50

it's prepared you

21:51

for what you you're facing here in the

21:53

in the six months you've been in this

21:55

business

21:56

um yes yes sure um

22:01

without taking the class i i would have

22:03

no idea

22:04

like what to do how to start

22:07

so this is this class uh

22:11

i learned a lot of different loan

22:13

products

22:15

although i i was in the banking industry

22:17

but not not like

22:18

the financing part right i see a

22:22

total different area so so learning

22:24

those financing

22:26

was a long product uh it's kind of like

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a

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mind open experience so people can do

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business like like this can do business

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like that

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and they can apply the the

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the phone that they need in in different

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ways so that's a

22:44

really uh my open experience

22:47

and you work from home correct you don't

22:48

have an office you work from home

22:50

i work from home yes yeah and how's that

22:52

been

22:54

uh i would say not

22:57

not that easy because you can imagine

23:00

you have two young children at home

23:02

yeah i know all the other noise

23:06

here and there yeah that's why i i mean

23:08

i've been there a long time ago and my

23:09

kids were young

23:10

occasionally if i worked from home

23:12

because i always had an office for a

23:15

long time but

23:16

um i actually hate working from home so

23:20

you know i i understand and if you have

23:22

children it's uh

23:24

yeah this is a this is one maybe the

23:27

disadvantage of working home but but

23:30

comparing pros and cons

23:32

i prefer working from home because

23:34

working from you you

23:36

you can provide the all the flexibility

23:39

and uh you don't need to spend the

23:43

hours on the way driving

23:46

that's a yeah well you could be with

23:49

your kids more

23:50

right i mean yeah yeah yeah yeah you

23:52

have a lot going on and

23:53

and uh yeah that's right i mean we're

23:56

the kids

23:56

sometimes there's some like unhappy

23:59

thing but

24:00

most most of the time you you want to

24:02

play with them you want

24:04

spend some time read some books that's i

24:07

mean

24:08

that's that's also very very important

24:10

did you ever have like

24:12

were you ever on a conference call or

24:13

speaking to a client and your kids just

24:15

burst open the door and

24:16

they don't know and they and that hasn't

24:19

happened yet

24:21

yeah okay all right well i think maybe

24:25

it's more a little more accepted now

24:27

because people realize that working from

24:28

home yeah

24:31

you know what i mean yeah yeah i think

24:33

yeah people are

24:34

very very nice don't don't mind that

24:37

yeah

24:37

right i always like to ask this question

24:40

to graduates and

24:41

interested to hear your answer but if if

24:43

you weren't in finance and you could

24:44

have kind of any dream

24:46

job you could wake up tomorrow and be

24:49

who whatever you want to be in a

24:51

profession and you didn't have to go

24:53

through

24:54

experience education anything what would

24:56

you be what would be like a

24:58

second um actually

25:02

i started a materials science before i

25:05

even got a phd degree in material

25:08

science

25:11

yes oh wow in material science yes

25:14

oh wow i didn't know that

25:17

so yeah my my journey is kind of

25:21

not that normal for for all the people

25:25

so

25:25

i got a peace degree how long did it

25:27

take you to get that phd

25:29

five years oh five and five and a half

25:32

actually

25:33

five well five and a half just to get

25:35

the phd right

25:36

i mean he went to school for that so yes

25:39

get that phd and now look at this you're

25:41

a commercial

25:42

owned broker

25:45

yeah yeah although i didn't

25:49

continue pursuing the material science i

25:55

didn't regret to spend like five and a

25:57

half years

25:58

in the lab doing all the things that i

26:01

don't i don't know i don't don't regret

26:04

it

26:04

right now you don't regret that right

26:07

right

26:07

i think that that experience provides

26:10

you a lot of things

26:12

that you still uh appreciate

26:15

i mean yeah yeah no absolutely we all

26:18

grow with experiences i think that's

26:19

cool

26:20

i i think it's fascinating that that you

26:23

got a phd in

26:24

material science so that what is that is

26:27

that like

26:28

is that like you you essentially work to

26:31

create

26:33

better stronger lighter materials

26:36

is that what the goal is with that

26:38

that's right

26:39

yeah i i was studying uh polymer

26:42

materials uh the most

26:45

common part about you can say is

26:47

plastics all the plastic bags

26:50

like coke about us those are the

26:53

material that we we started

26:56

but my my actual focus is on

26:59

apartment materials for medical

27:03

device medical product

27:07

so you know there's a still a lot of

27:10

like

27:10

disease problems medical problems we

27:13

still cannot solve right now

27:14

right study that with like higher

27:18

standards and materials can help a lot

27:21

so i i i was dreaming

27:24

uh to become a material scientist

27:28

in some big company that can make some

27:30

product and

27:31

change our life well now you're just

27:34

changing people's lives in a different

27:36

way

27:36

yeah that's right that's right no you

27:39

but uh

27:40

yeah that's interesting i i that seems

27:42

like the coolest thing

27:44

uh being your background i don't think

27:46

we've had a material

27:48

scientist or a ph at least with a phd

27:50

come we've had phds come through here

27:52

but not in that field so

27:53

that's rewarding for me i get to meet

27:55

interesting people like yourself and

27:57

different backgrounds

28:00

well that's cool that's really cool um

28:03

tell me about

28:04

um you know if if you could

28:08

sit down with one person either

28:12

uh you know that has since passed on or

28:14

or currently alive

28:16

you get to sit down for maybe an hour or

28:18

two dinner and pick their brain who

28:20

would it be

28:21

and any time in human history it doesn't

28:23

have to be right you know

28:24

at any time all right um

28:28

actually during the the

28:32

the journey i grew up i appreciate a lot

28:35

a lot of people in my life

28:37

my parents my teachers they all

28:41

give me very good help very good

28:44

otherwise at the different stage

28:49

but when when the time i attended cjtg i

28:52

think

28:53

chris you're the person that i admire

28:56

the most

28:57

i'm the person wow yes

29:00

so the the the way you talk in the class

29:04

and the the way you kind of

29:07

encourage people in the in the

29:09

podcasting class

29:11

it's really really a fantastic

29:14

experience for me i would say i i

29:16

i think i'm i'm very very lucky to

29:20

find this and know you um

29:24

kind of i i i know you're very

29:27

successful but

29:28

i don't expect i i can just steal one of

29:32

the

29:32

secret magical secret to to

29:35

to become successful but just you

29:39

your spirit and your

29:42

like positive attitude kind of gave me a

29:45

lot of

29:45

a lot of support a lot of a lot of power

29:48

wow i i mean i don't even know what to

29:50

say to that

29:50

joe i mean geez yeah no one's ever said

29:53

to sit down with me for an hour but i i

29:55

i'll take it if i can get it for sure i

29:58

mean

29:59

yeah thank you i mean uh wow that's

30:02

i mean people have said you know abraham

30:04

lincoln you know

30:06

jesus uh we've had we've had all sorts

30:09

of people and

30:10

i guess it um i'll take it when i could

30:12

get it i'll tell you that so i

30:14

appreciate that wow

30:15

um yeah that's uh

30:20

i i guess uh i i

30:23

i've made it in life if someone wants to

30:24

sit down they could pick anybody and sit

30:26

down with me that makes me feel really

30:28

cool

30:29

so right right i i always uh seeing him

30:32

become

30:32

a entrepreneur but i have the desire but

30:38

not the the ability or the required

30:41

like a quality so far no you didn't know

30:44

where to go

30:45

yeah yeah but once i see you

30:49

i see the your story your history and

30:52

the

30:53

the way you talk it's really inspired me

30:57

oh i pre well wow i appreciate that

30:59

you've had a lot of

31:00

i guess a man in your position you've

31:02

had a lot of teachers

31:04

how many teachers do you have to go

31:06

through to get a phd a lot

31:10

yeah yeah and i do uh actually

31:12

appreciate

31:13

a lot of my teachers i mean at each

31:15

stage like a mentor

31:17

like a junior junior school like really

31:20

they give me a really good advice at

31:23

each stage

31:24

wow you know what i'm curious about is

31:27

what's the rest of your family think i

31:28

mean

31:29

your wife you know knows you went

31:30

through this journey but the rest of

31:32

your family

31:33

because they knew you know they they

31:36

they knew when to go and

31:38

you know being a material scientist and

31:39

all of a sudden how was that reaction

31:42

when you're like oh by the way

31:43

i'm not doing that i'm i'm a commercial

31:45

home broker

31:47

got a shock to everybody um

31:51

not not really actually my my my father

31:54

in law

31:56

he actually very support me

31:59

okay so he knows what

32:02

we we go to we have a job we work

32:05

but uh he's also an entrepreneur in

32:09

china so

32:10

wow yes he also encouraged us

32:14

to kind of open some business

32:17

to some kind of creator some

32:20

opportunity so once he

32:23

hear us we created a company we had a

32:26

website

32:27

we have such such business he's really

32:30

excited

32:31

it's always good to get in good graces

32:33

with your father-in-law

32:35

that's great if anybody you know you

32:37

have to impress

32:38

your father-in-law how did you come up

32:41

with the name of big mountain capital

32:44

we've had a lot of names through here

32:46

over a thousand graduates

32:48

uh i don't think anybody has ever come

32:50

up with that name and i like it i mean

32:51

what's the

32:52

what's the story behind the name big

32:54

mountain capital

32:55

yes so there is a story behind

32:59

and my wife and i was discussing what

33:01

kind of names

33:02

should we go should we go just by our

33:04

name our

33:06

family name whatever and i thought no

33:10

maybe not there's no like like

33:13

philosophy

33:14

behind this so the the the

33:18

the reason i chose big modern capital is

33:21

there's an old saying in china called

33:29

it means the mercy and

33:33

kind of people enjoying the mountain

33:35

enjoying the big mountain

33:37

but the wise people enjoying the water

33:41

you can kind of feel that yeah

33:45

yeah so so i started this business as i

33:48

mentioned

33:49

earlier so i want to help more people

33:53

help the business owners to achieve that

33:56

financial goal

33:57

and help the investors to close more

34:00

deals

34:01

so in the end my

34:05

i just want to help more people but help

34:08

more people

34:09

is they they they want they want you to

34:13

help right you cannot just go there i

34:14

want to help you this this but

34:16

right so so choose this name just want

34:20

to give them a

34:21

impression i am the kind person i am the

34:23

reliable person

34:25

so we we can like talk about and do some

34:28

business

34:28

wow that's good no i like the name i

34:31

totally love the name

34:32

um well before i let you go

34:36

i mean is there a you know this we

34:38

always call this segment kind of flip

34:39

the script

34:40

is there any question that you want to

34:42

ask me it could be personal

34:45

it could be business it could be totally

34:47

unrelated to

34:48

what we're doing here it could be what i

34:50

had for breakfast this morning it

34:51

doesn't matter

34:52

is there any question that uh you want

34:55

to ask myself

34:56

and put me on the hot seat yes i

34:59

i think this is a great opportunity for

35:02

me to have a conversation with you as

35:04

i mentioned you're the person i kind of

35:07

admire the most

35:09

so so um although i have read

35:12

a lot of story or introduction about you

35:16

about your journey so

35:19

um i want to ask when you

35:22

uh doing your business or or

35:26

whatever like personal thing whatever we

35:30

when you get into the the frustrating

35:33

point

35:34

like maybe the client that understands

35:37

you

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and even yourself has kind of

35:40

moved your original idea so

35:44

what is your thought process

35:48

to decide that you want to continue to

35:50

pursue this

35:51

to get it down or you say okay that's it

35:54

that's it that's enough then we just

35:56

click crazy

35:59

you know i you know i um

36:03

you know when i started this i started a

36:05

brokerage business

36:06

20 plus years ago that's the beginning

36:09

of my journey

36:10

yeah and um you know i didn't have i

36:14

think a crucial point

36:17

to get through roadblocks and and there

36:20

is time when i started my loan brokerage

36:21

business

36:22

i didn't close a deal for probably six

36:24

months and

36:26

i i remember i was living off the little

36:28

that i had

36:29

um you know if you remember my story i

36:31

was paying student loans i

36:33

dropped out of school right um so i was

36:36

in a weird position i always say thank

36:38

god for a pizza place

36:40

that uh uh at at the end of the night at

36:43

around 2 30 they'd throw out all the

36:45

pizzas leftover pizzas and i knew that

36:47

the owner and he would always give me

36:48

the leftovers so i'd have food for

36:50

probably three four days

36:52

the pizza was a little funky but you

36:54

know at the end of the day i i didn't it

36:56

was for free

36:57

um but i didn't have

37:00

i didn't have a plan b does that make

37:04

sense i didn't have a plan b

37:05

and oftentimes i always circle back

37:09

around

37:09

when i talk about motivation you know i

37:12

said this time and time again

37:15

i don't believe you can teach motivation

37:17

you have to have something deep down

37:18

inside

37:19

which causes you to um you know

37:23

persevere it causes you to be determined

37:25

we talked about it causes you to be

37:27

dedicated there has to be something that

37:28

drives you

37:30

and i think sometimes when people get

37:32

into this

37:33

any business not just this business you

37:35

could open up anything it doesn't matter

37:38

if you always have that plan b

37:41

[Music]

37:43

it's gonna water down plan a does that

37:45

make sense

37:46

yes um it's always gonna water down your

37:49

efforts on plan

37:50

a because you're always going to think

37:51

uh i don't have to work

37:53

too hard tonight because if the

37:56

hits the fan doesn't work out i got plan

37:58

b

37:58

right so it causes you almost to put the

38:01

brakes on plan a

38:02

when you start to feel uncomfortable and

38:05

when when when you're when your body and

38:07

mind say

38:08

keep going further and further but then

38:10

but then they it says hey calm down

38:12

you know maybe you shouldn't you should

38:13

you shouldn't work too hard you

38:14

shouldn't do this

38:16

you're feeling tired maybe you should

38:17

take a break when that plan b

38:19

is there it i think it's easier to take

38:22

a break it's easier to not fulfill those

38:25

dreams

38:26

or i should say it's easier to you know

38:28

just have that fall back

38:30

um in my case i didn't have a fallback

38:33

and i never had a plan b

38:34

i always stuck to my original goal of

38:36

plan a is is to you know grow this

38:38

business and do what i had to do and

38:41

and i i think so you're you're asking to

38:44

your question

38:45

you know uh what caused me to go further

38:47

when i just said stop

38:49

i never said stop because that wasn't an

38:52

option for me

38:53

right it was always here's the problem

38:55

how could i do better how could i figure

38:57

out how to do more

38:58

how can i get over this hump you know um

39:01

you know it's it was always

39:03

self-reflecting of you know mistakes

39:05

i've made and how not to do those

39:06

mistakes again

39:07

i didn't have a plan b i didn't have

39:09

rich parents i didn't have a trust fund

39:12

um you know i didn't have anybody to

39:14

bail me out

39:15

uh and you know i think i think that

39:18

that's what i equate

39:20

uh um

39:23

looking back on my journey you know i

39:25

equate a lot to that

39:26

because there's just no plan b

39:30

yeah and i and i tell graduates that too

39:33

you know when they come in here

39:34

and a lot of them have some of them have

39:36

plan b c d and e meaning they have other

39:38

options and i i say look you gotta

39:42

you can still have that it's good to be

39:43

diversified for sure but you

39:45

you know want to really get this going

39:47

and be successful you got to have the

39:49

mindset as if you don't even have any

39:50

other plans

39:52

a lot of times i could push you further

39:54

that's right that's right

39:56

um i i think we

39:59

we share the kind of similar mindset

40:02

before i mean i i i also that kind of

40:06

person

40:07

that don't want to sing a plan b so once

40:11

i want to do this i want to continue to

40:13

do this until we get it down

40:16

right i mean yeah

40:19

if we always compare this and that

40:23

thinker another thing there's always a

40:26

pros and cons for whole wines and

40:27

there's no perfect

40:29

thing you know what there's no there's

40:31

no perfect people there's no perfect

40:33

thing so

40:35

always compel if you're in there just

40:38

just

40:39

gonna just put a stand here

40:42

there's no further steps yeah yeah no

40:45

well

40:45

hey i appreciate that question that's a

40:47

that's a great question

40:49

i don't think anybody has asked that

40:50

before in that matter so i i do

40:52

appreciate that

40:53

well um linda we said a lot here

40:58

um we we really said a lot here you um i

41:01

i appreciate your time

41:03

i do you know i i do really wish you

41:06

continued success in this business

41:08

although you haven't been in it that

41:09

long

41:10

it's been a hell of a six months to

41:12

close you know four real estate

41:13

transactions it's almost a transaction a

41:15

month

41:16

which is really really good and um

41:19

you know i wish you continued success

41:21

and so happy to have you part of our

41:23

what we call our cctg family here thank

41:26

you for having me and

41:27

this is a really great opportunity for

41:30

me

41:30

i mean i i was that kind of i wouldn't

41:33

say very

41:34

in trouble but it's kind of not good at

41:38

talking to people but i i see this

41:42

like disadvantage of me a long time ago

41:46

is especially during my my work

41:50

so i i try to push myself out

41:54

to kind of break out of your shell a

41:56

little bit break out of that mold

41:58

yeah it feels good doesn't it

42:01

does it not feel good uh i

42:04

i i i feel much much better now i mean

42:07

after attending this

42:08

uh networking event i tried to just talk

42:11

about it a little bit more

42:12

with people right but it almost i know

42:15

what you're talking about

42:16

because when i was younger i was afraid

42:18

of public speaking

42:20

and now it's like second nature to me um

42:22

i don't mind it at all i actually love

42:24

doing it but when you first break out of

42:27

that shell is it and

42:32

very powerful feeling where you look

42:34

back after like in your case

42:35

after you go to a networking event and

42:36

you come home and you're like wow

42:38

that wasn't so bad i actually did that i

42:40

didn't you know i i was scared before

42:42

but now

42:43

that actually is a good feeling you find

42:44

something within yourself you never knew

42:46

you had am i

42:47

correct right right that's right i mean

42:50

before i i was

42:52

even before say anything my my heart

42:55

beatings kind of

42:56

become

43:02

it was like it was like how you looked

43:03

at the beginning of this podcast you

43:04

were so nervous

43:07

that's right that's right so easy

43:11

yeah so kind of like this journey kind

43:14

of

43:15

like improved me from all the different

43:18

aspects

43:19

good good good good well i like that

43:21

that's yeah it's always a blessing when

43:22

you could find something

43:24

within yourself you never knew you had

43:25

and you know and

43:27

start embracing it so wenda um listen i

43:30

appreciate it

43:31

um that's all the time we have

43:32

unfortunately um again i wish you

43:35

continued success at big mountain

43:36

capital

43:37

and uh hopefully i'll see you at our

43:39

conference which is in october

43:41

you'll be getting uh emails on that and

43:43

uh you know

43:44

i'll get to uh see you in person so

43:47

thank you okay

43:48

um looking forward to meet you yeah

43:51

absolutely

43:52

uh we'll have a drink i'll drinks on me

43:54

um so

43:56

uh that's it for this episode of

43:57

entrepreneurs and finance i hope

43:59

everybody enjoyed this

44:00

and got some insight on what uh life is

44:02

like for

44:03

a typical cctg graduate uh don't forget

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and uh you can get the exclusive access

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to content that's published there right

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when it's published so

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thank you everybody wenda appreciate it

44:31

thank you see you again all right thank

44:33

you okay

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there are just too many commercial home

44:37

brokers that don't have a damn clue of

44:38

what they're doing

44:41

all we're trying to do here is better

44:43

the industry for everybody

44:44

[Music]

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at the end of the day you can make great

44:47

money in this industry but in the end

44:49

it's

44:50

all about helping people you know people

44:53

always say chris

44:54

how can i be a successful broker it's

44:56

two words hard work and dedication

45:00

if you don't like talking to people you

45:01

probably shouldn't be in this business

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