
A FOUNDER STORY

You don't bounce back. *You build forward.*

The story of a designer, a life interrupted, a road rediscovered, and the tools built along the way.

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A life can change in one afternoon.

The next chapter is still yours to design.



I spent more than twenty-five years designing brands, products, publications, and digital experiences for other people. Then, in June 2020, a car crash left me with a traumatic brain injury, a broken neck, and nearly a year in a wheelchair.

Recovery did not return me to the person I had been. It asked me to become someone new. Nature became part of that rebuilding—even when I could not walk in it. Stillness, imagination, gratitude, and the next honest step became practices instead of slogans.

That experience became the foundation of You Build Forward: the belief that resilience is not about restoring the old plan. It is about designing who you become next.

Quiet the noise.
Listen inward.
Build forward.

Different rooms. One story spine.

The recovery did not become one neat project. It became a connected body of work—each part answering a different version of the same question: what is worth carrying forward?

YOU BUILD FORWARD

Speaking and practical frameworks for people and organizations rebuilding after the plan changes.

JOE'S RV PLANNER

The road-tested tool Joe uses to plan routes, keep memories, track the rig, and live a working life in motion.

DIGITAL LANDSCAPER

Nature murals and environments shaped by the conviction that rooms can help people heal.

ARTIST GROWTH SYSTEM

Tools and connections designed around the working artist—not the platform.

WILDFOWL CARVING ARCHIVE

Artists, birds, competitions, and works preserved so a living craft is not lost.

THE AI & ART FORUM

An honest town square for art, authorship, provenance, and the changing creative landscape.

The road is where the work keeps becoming true.

Bring the next room into view.

Joe speaks from the patient's chair and the designer's desk: a personal story, a research-grounded framework, and practical moves people can carry out of the room.

READ & LISTEN

You Build Forward

[YOUBUILDFORWARD.COM](https://youbuildforward.com)

The speaking work, the Rebuild Method™, essays, and the larger philosophy.

FOLLOW THE ROAD

Joe's RV Planner

[JOESRVPLANNER.COM](https://joesrvplanner.com)

Plan a trip, read Field Notes, or see where the road is headed next.

START A CONVERSATION

Book Joe

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Tell Joe the room, the date, and who will be in the seats.

You don't have to return to who you were.

YOU CAN BUILD FORWARD FROM HERE.