



As a precocious “child of Africa”, Paul Templer didn’t realize his life was all that different. Nor did he have any idea of how truly unusual his life would turn out to be. From wrestling a lion cub as a nine-year-old, to a near-death encounter with a hippopotamus, Paul Templer’s unbelievable experiences have shaped his outlook on life.

Husband, father of three, CEO of opusdynamic, and President of The Templer Foundation, Paul Templer illustrates that adversity doesn’t build character insomuch as it reveals it.



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“Paul’s life shows that it’s not how hard you fall,
but whether you get back up and how you use your past
and present experiences to create your future.”

Paul G. Johnson, Founder, The Bloomfield Group



A Zimbabwean and an American, Paul’s life has been as unpredictable
and challenging as the mighty Zambezi River he used to navigate.
Yet it has also been graced with the beauty, balance, wonderment and
mystique that life, like his native Africa, bestows upon each of us.

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How I lost a fight
with a rogue hippo
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The transition from Zimbabwe to Beverly Hills, Michigan would be challenging for anyone, even for those with advantage. So, “with no money, no job and no arm”, Paul Templer faced more than the usual obstacles. As his story reveals, with an acute sense of what is possible, Paul tackled his pursuit of the American dream with the same determination he used to fight the rogue hippo that almost took his life. And he was victorious in both battles.

Paul’s story begins in 1978, when he was a nine-year-old Rhodesian boy whose life-as-usual included going to school in an armored vehicle and having a clear understanding that the terrorists determined to take over his country didn’t discriminate when it came to killing people. As Rhodesia settles into becoming Zimbabwe, Paul develops an aversion to settling at all. From England, to Israel, to a brief stint in India, Paul’s life begins to read like a travelogue. Refusing to get “a proper job”, Templer discovers his niche as a river safari guide and spends his days taking tourists along the Zambezi River.

And life was as grand as an African sunset until, on one particular “bad day at the office”, a rogue hippo tragically alters Paul’s idyllic life, leaving him near-death and despondent.

It is at this point that Paul embarks upon a “safari” even more unpredictable than the mighty Zambezi. With the support of family and friends, Paul’s life eventually catapults from a hospital room to the world stage as word travels around the globe about the African safari guide who survived a hippo attack.

And this is only the middle of Paul’s story.