



**GABRIEL
ABIKZER**

MOTIVATIONAL / INSPIRATIONAL SPEAKER

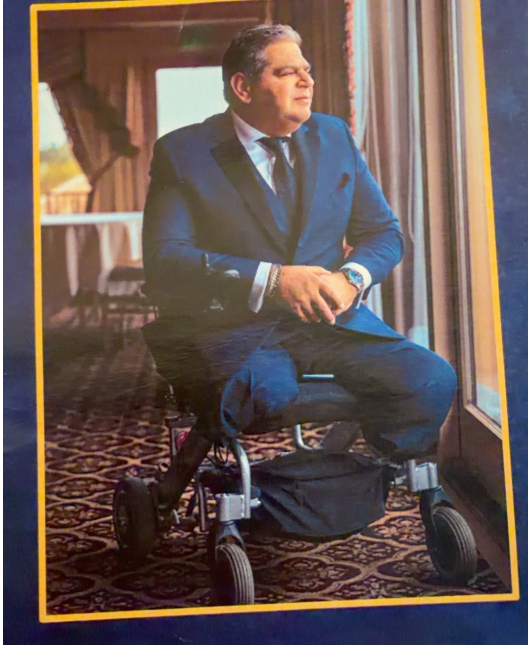
FROM DARKNESS TO BRIGHTNESS

FROM WHEELCHAIR TO WILL-CHAIR

A powerful 30-minute keynote about resilience, perspective, faith, humor, and accessing the will to move beyond life's obstacles.

A STORY PEOPLE REMEMBER

Gabey S. Abikzer brings audiences into a story that is deeply personal, unexpectedly funny, and built around a universal truth: everyone has a challenge.



THE JOURNEY

Gabey's life changed in an instant after a devastating traffic accident. He lost both legs, endured kidney failure and two clinical-death experiences, and faced a long climb back to confidence, independence and hope.

Today, he uses that experience to help audiences reframe adversity - not by asking them to imagine his exact circumstances, but by recognizing the obstacles in their own lives and the power they still have to act.

His delivery blends compassion, humor and hard-earned perspective, creating a keynote designed to leave people thinking differently about what is possible.

IDEAL FOR

Corporate meetings • Leadership events • Sales organizations • Associations • Conferences • Employee engagement • Resilience & wellbeing programs

SIGNATURE KEYNOTE

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In this 30-minute keynote, Gabey takes audiences through the life he built before his accident, the moment everything changed, and the mindset that carried him to the other side. The talk is anchored by three memorable ideas he calls **The 3 Powers**.

01 THE POWER OF OTHERS

Recognize the people, relationships and communities that can help us move forward when our own strength is tested.

02 THE POWER OF COMPARISON

Use perspective constructively - not to minimize our problems, but to see challenges in a wider frame and regain agency.

03 THE POWER OF A HIGHER POWER

Draw strength from faith, purpose, gratitude and something larger than the immediate obstacle.

CORE AUDIENCE TAKEAWAY

“I have a wheelchair, but everyone has a ‘wheelchair.’ Everyone has a challenge. Turn your wheelchair into a will-chair.”

WHAT CLIENTS CAN EXPECT

FORMAT

30-minute keynote; adaptable for conferences, corporate meetings, leadership programs and association events.

STYLE

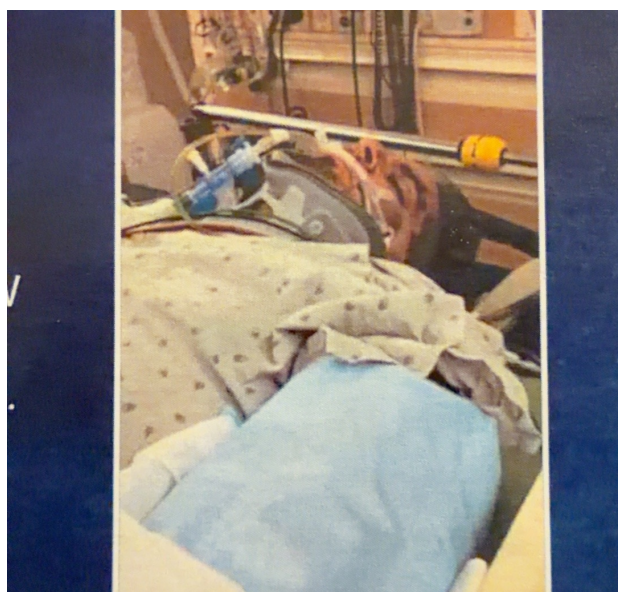
Personal storytelling, humor, emotional honesty and practical perspective - delivered with warmth rather than lecture.

THEMES

Resilience • Perspective • Gratitude • Human connection • Faith & purpose • Overcoming adversity • Personal responsibility • Hope

BEST FIT

Organizations looking for a memorable human story that can reset perspective, energize a room and create conversation after the event.



THE STORY BEHIND THE STAGE

Before the accident, Gabey pursued a life of ambition and adventure, including a culinary career. After the accident, the challenge became far larger: survival, rehabilitation, identity and rebuilding.

His story is not presented as tragedy for tragedy's sake. The purpose is transformation - showing an audience how the darkest chapter can become a source of clarity, humor, connection and forward motion.

IN HIS PRESENCE, EXCUSES EVAPORATE.

“Gabey embodies resilience in its purest form, facing extraordinary challenges head-on while maintaining an infectious smile, a joyous laugh and an unmistakable ‘pep in his step.’ His boundless sense of humor and playful attitude infuse every aspect of his life. In Gabey’s presence, excuses evaporate, replaced by a sense of possibility and determination.”

Gabey's website describes the testimonial author as having a background that includes **The Tonight Show with Jay Leno** and work as an NPR award-winning storyteller.

WHY THIS WORKS FOR CORPORATE AUDIENCES

- **Universal:** the message is about the obstacle each person carries, not only Gabey's circumstances.
- **Memorable:** “wheelchair to will-chair” gives audiences a simple phrase they can take back to work and life.
- **Human:** humor and vulnerability create connection without turning the session into a lecture.
- **Action-oriented:** the 3 Powers give the story a framework that audiences can recall after the event.

BRING GABEY TO YOUR NEXT EVENT

A keynote built to move the room - and give people a new way to look at the obstacles in front of them.



BOOKING & EVENT INQUIRIES

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Speaker kit prepared for event planners, meeting professionals, associations and corporate clients.