



## ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Husband and Father
- Ripley's, "Believe it or Not" 2007 Book (The Remarkable Revealed. Pgs. 152 & 153)
- Guinness World Record Holder
- Black Belt
- David Letterman Show
- America's Funniest People
- America's Funniest Home Videos
- Numerous local and National TV stories
- Numerous local, National and World Wide News articles

Ripley's  
**Believe It or Not!**



## WHAT JEFF CAN DO FOR YOU!

- Motivational/Inspirational Speaker
- Sales Trainer • Businessman • Minister



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# Conceive | Believe | Achieve



“My life’s passion is to speak into people’s lives by encouraging and motivating them to ‘Conceive, Believe, and Achieve’ their deepest desires and goals, whether physical, emotional, financial or, most importantly,

Spiritual. It is necessary to make a willful decision to overcome life’s obstacles by going through it, around it or, in my case, *‘Just get over it!’* The igniter of my passion to overcome life’s challenges has been a quote from the Bible found in Philippians chapter 4, verse 13: *I can do all things through Christ Jesus who strengthens me.* I am persuaded you can too!

- Jeff Clay

## JEFF’S STORY

In 1964, a little baby boy was born in a small and very common town called Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia. Jeff was a painfully shy and bashful little boy. He was deeply insecure and would never raise his hand in class to answer a question. He was afraid of failure and embarrassment. He felt completely inferior to all his peers. This fear and timidity would challenge him throughout his life.

At 10 years old he would look at the “Guinness Record Book” and “Ripley’s Believe It or Not” books and silently dream of being SOMEBODY one day. Jeff would whisper silent prayers that the Lord would make him special like the people in the books.

6th Grade Field Day would prove to be a pivotal point for Jeff. Even though he knew he was a fast runner and could jump well, fear had kept him from signing up for events. His friend, Tracy Bass, told the teacher of Jeff’s skills and the teacher called on him to participate. The blue ribbons he won that day remain his proudest accomplishments in his jumping, running and hurdling career.

In the spring of his freshman year, he tried out and made the Lakeview/Fort Oglethorpe Track Team where he finally found a sense of purpose and gratification. The first time he high jumped he tied the high school record of 5’ 10”.

In the summer of that same year, Jeff was so inspired by equaling the school record that he made a home-made high jump in his front yard. After hurdling the bar Jeff realized that he had cleared more than 5’10”. With a sly smile he went over to his family’s car parked in the driveway and measured the height. It was about five feet tall. He decided that if he could get his speed up, his momentum would carry him the rest of the way.



Jeff backed up into his neighbor’s yard and, after running up to the car several times, decided that he would jump the car or break his neck trying. Jump it he did. Jeff didn’t think much of his jump at the time. It was then that a neighbor across the street, who had seen the jump, came out and gave Jeff the encouragement he needed to do it again. Was this the gift that God had given him to make him special?

From that moment, the little city of Fort Oglethorpe was never the same. It became a place where you might be driving down the road and have to do a double take as a “flash” might come across the top of your car. That was a pivotal moment for Jeff.

Over the next few years Jeff would hone his high jumping skills and become a nationally ranked High School High Jumper and be scouted by some major Southern Conference Colleges. However, the problems in his home life had escalated and his parents divorced, Jeff’s relationship with his Dad was virtually non-existent.

10 years later, Jeff’s personal faith in Christ was strengthened and he began using his God given ability to take part in motivational speaking. His message to the crowd was, and continues to be, that in this life you will have troubles, problems and even tragedies. However, you can find a way around it, through it or, like Jeff... **Just Get Over It!!!**

Jeff went on to a Sales and Marketing career, and is currently a Regional Director of Sales and Marketing. He works to motivate as well as oversee sales training for his company. His sales career has now spanned 25 years.

Still, he never lost the fire and desire that burned inside of him to be recognized for the unique accomplishments of his “Car Hurdling” feats. Thirty-three years after that little boy prayed to somehow become special and believing that God knows even the smallest desires of your heart, Jeff was finally recognized by both “Ripley’s Believe It Or Not” as well as “Guinness World Records” for jumping 101 cars in 38 minutes.

That same year, he stood in front of a congregation of people and spoke lovingly at his father’s graveside. God’s grace had brought forgiveness to their relationship. Jeff continues to share their story of forgiveness as he promised his Dad.

This brings full circle the dreams of a painfully shy 10-year-old boy just praying to be SOMEBODY. Jeff wants to use his life and his accomplishments to glorify God and motivate others that they too can overcome and succeed in life no matter what obstacles they must **JUMP**.

“Obstacles are merely opportunities in disguise. It is our job to reveal them for what they are!” - Jeff Clay